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Jean Thornton's team on course at Live Oak Invitational 2020



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Event Sponsored by Florida Whips: Free. Link to event forms/ads can be added to the calendar on www.flawhips.org. Other than Whips Events: one-half Business rate. Link to Event ad from newsletter can be added to the calendar on www.flawhips.org. Event Calendar listings on website: free link to organizer's event website. Email calendar information to calendar@flawhips.org.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Florida Whips members: One ad (per issue), up to 100 words, free for three months, text only; 1 photo and email link free on website. Additional ads past the first, \$10.00. Photo in newsletter \$5; additional photos past the first on website \$5 each. Other than Whips Members: \$10.00 per ad, up to 100 words, for three months; text only; 1 photo in newsletter/on website \$5, additional photos on website \$5 each.

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PAYMENT INFORMATION

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Join the discussion on Facebook. Search for 'Florida Whips Carriage Driving' and ask to join the group.

Find us on 

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Need a trainer? Here’s a list of trainers recommended by our Whips membership:

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Elizabeth Keathley
(615) 849-5105 | Jean Thornton
(386) 985-2103 |
| Olof Larson
(352) 804-0284 | Boots Wright
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(407) 783-6663 |

We Need To Hear From You!

Do you have some "human" technology (or anything, really) that you have found a great use for around the barn or while driving? If so, send in your ideas (and pics) for your "Human Hacks for Horses".

Ideas for future articles include your ideas for making homemade hazards or dressage arenas. Also what are your best driving "gymnastics" for a successful Marathon day?

But we are not limited to these topics, send in your ideas, articles and updates (and most of all, pictures!) to newsletter@flawhips.org!!

In Memoriam

Kendall Jones

by Bob Giles



The driving world has lost one of its most enthusiastic drivers with the loss of Kendall Jones. She was a mere 51 years old and lost her recent short battle with cancer. It claimed her life just 2 months after her diagnosis.

Her passion for the sport of driving was infectious. Her true love was Bell, her Clydesdale cross mare. In her eyes, Bell was a world renowned Clydesdale driving horse. Also by her side was her faithful yellow dog Foster.

Kendall was a social worker and the finest advocate a child in need could hope for. Being a product of the state system myself with 13 foster homes to my name, Kendall was my hero as well as all warriors in that profession. I can't imagine being drunk or high and seeing a 6'4" Kendall coming thru my door stating "In the interest of the welfare of your child, the state is taking custody of your children." Kendall's professionalism and commitment to her task was paramount in her dealings with angry parents and the children in her care. Her secret weapon was a deck of Skip-O cards or a Tigger doll to break down the wall of resistance in frightened kids.

We spent most Thanksgivings together with Kendall and her mother Kathy Kidd. During our visits, I could count on Kendall telling us about her and Bell's adventures on the trail, always exclaiming how brave Bell was. Her dream was to have me show Bell at Live Oak CDE someday.

Kendall will be remembered with a smile on her face when she had the reins in her hands driving that big old Clydesdale named Bell.

Drive on Kendall!

MUSINGS FROM THE (I used to crastinate, but now I've gone pro) EDITOR

How's quarantine life treating you? For me not a lot changed. As a horseperson and an introvert, I've been training for this all my life.

- Get up and feed cats, dog and horses, drink a large amount of coffee somewhere in that time? Check
- Drive or ride my horse on the farm with only horses and the corgi for company? Check
- Spend WAY TOO MUCH MONEY on Amazon? Check and double check.
- Spend way too much money at various driving vendors? Guilty (VERY guilty... someone has a new toy!)



And my friends moved our Friday night Mexican to my house for socially distanced "Whine and Wine" night. Gotta say I liked that just fine.

On the horse front, Xander is gearing up for ridden dressage season. We are going to try some second level stuff, although some of the second level movements are still not Netflix (on demand), but he's getting there, and a lot of that test is relevant to intermediate driving work (collected trot/medium trot work) that I might as well get some test score/comment feedback sooner rather than later. But I must admit that the transition from Liverpool with a curb chain down to a weeny little snaffle with that big powerful fjord neck isn't as much fun as it sounds. It took about a month and a lot of pain killers, but he's actually quite light in the bridle (caveat: for a Fjord). And I'm sure he will forget that about 3 seconds past the timer heading for the first hazard in the Southern Drive derby! Because I'm a glutton for punishment, I've got a dressage show the very next weekend. I'll let you know if there is a ring rebuild required when we have to transition from a medium canter to collected canter approaching a corner!

Drive on and see you all at the Southern Drive!

Denice & Xan

The Southern Drive is Coming!

**June 18 - 21, 2020 at the Grand Oaks
Florida Whips Annual Meeting:**

Saturday, June 20, 2020, 1:00 to 3:00 PM
*(entry form and information at the end of the
newsletter)*

WE NEED YOU!

Remember, a Club is only as strong as its members, and it is made stronger by members who volunteer!! Any of the ideas or skills you have can greatly assist in making our Club a better organization by helping to lead initiatives, assist with the calendar, guide organizer's with events and outings, assure that Club funds are utilized wisely and support our very large community which is "Driving the State of Florida".

We are asking you to consider who the next President will be, along with any secondary nominations for Regionals. We ask everyone to reach out to members who you think would be great in filling these positions. If you are willing, please do not hesitate to nominate yourself. Send nominations to Nominating Chairperson betscherer@gmail.com.

The following seats are OPEN or the term is expiring (includes current nominations)

PRESIDENT – OPEN - To-date, the individuals who were nominated for President, have declined, therefore, please take a moment to think about someone you know who would be a good leader, decision maker, passionate about carriage driving and a current member of the Florida Whips for this important position.

**Northern Region Director – Betsy Skinner
Alternate – Kathryn Powell**

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Alternate #2 Sigrid Edwards**

**Southeast Region Director – Bettina Scherer
Alternate #1– Sali Petri
Alternate #2 – Anne Raisner**

The following positions are up for election in 2021

VICE PRESIDENT – Linda Evans (one year remaining on term)

SECRETARY – Mary Anne McCreadie (one year remaining on term)

TREASURER – Anna Crothers (one year remaining on term)

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN (one year remaining on term)

I'M THINKING IT IS WELL PAST TIME TO GET INVOLVED, WHAT DO THESE POSITIONS ACTUALLY DO?

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

BOARD MEMBERS:

PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at all meetings and over the Board, and have the duties normally assigned to such office and as outlined in the By-Laws or designated by the Board of Directors.

VICE PRESIDENT

The Vice President (or appointed representative) shall attend all planning meetings, shall have the powers and exercise the duties of the President in case of the President's absence incapacity or death. The VP shall also serve as coordinator of the Club's statewide drives, and is in charge of the calendar.

SECRETARY

The Secretary oversees the legal affairs of the Club, sends out notices of meetings, keeps records of meetings, minutes, record of attendees, motions, etc. Secretary will also maintain the List of Policies adopted by the Club and maintain insurance.

TREASURER

The Treasurer is responsible for the financial affairs of the Club. Establishes bank accounts, deposits funds, disburses funds, maintain the books and financial activity, which books are open for review by the Board and the Audit Committee. Treasurer undertakes the legal reporting and is authorized to employ legal and auditing expertise. Treasurer provides a financial report to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

The Membership Chair maintains the list of members, takes applications, maintains the applications and release forms, sends out dues notices and provides mailing lists. Membership Chair also works with newsletter editor and secretary to ensure that all members receive notices, ballots, newsletters, etc., as required.

REGIONAL DIRECTORS:

Regional Directors shall be responsible for calling an annual planning meeting and hold the biannual election of the regional director. They shall also be responsible for planning their calendar and report on those activities. Regional Directors or alternates shall attend all functions and meetings in their region.

Alternates shall attend events and meetings in the absence of the Regional and have voting powers when the Director is not in attendance. The Alternate shall also keep the minutes of the regional meetings.

Chris Carswell - Live Oak 2020



Photo by PicsofYou.com

This was my very first trip to Live Oak International, not only as a driver, but as a spectator. It was quite different than other driving shows that I have attended. I had to wear a bracelet and have a pass to get into the stabling area. That was a first for me!

I am glad that I had my coach with me, Sterling Graburn. He was great in keeping me grounded and focused on the tasks ahead of me. Even with him - the first time driving under the arch and into the stadium to perform my dressage test, well, it was awe inspiring. Nothing like seeing your name on the jumbotron representing your country!

The marathon portion was next. I was excited to do "the Gulch". I had heard so much about it. That would change for me - disappointment. As a para-driver I would only be doing six of the hazards and "the Gulch" was the one eliminated for me. It was ok and I focused on learning the paths through my hazards. It was different in that gates were eliminated and replaced with other gates - meaning that I might do A through E, but in the next hazard I might do A, B, D, E, F - it was new to me, but my coach was right there to help me through it. On marathon day, first hazard was a little rough, but after that it was smooth! I ended up having 5 of the 6 hazards faster than my able bodied intermediate drivers! Super proud of my driving!

Cones course would end my experience at Live Oak International 2020. The cones course was challenging in a new way. Not only did you have to go fast and go clean through the course, but added to the challenge was driving around the jumps! I had no time penalties and only had one ball down. I had a great run and a great time!

Live Oak International 2020 was a great experience and lots of fun!

Chris Carswell & Team Carswell

Fun in the Sun (FITS)

Report by Candy Smith
Photos courtesy of Dan Smith

On March 15th, the first FITS Endurance Festival Competitive Drive was held at the farm of Valerie Kanavy close to the Black Prong Equestrian Village. Following 3 days of endurance riding activity, the organizers and volunteers stayed the extra day to introduce Competitive [distance] Driving to the North Central Florida region. Using the rules of SEDRA (South Eastern Distance Riders Association) (<https://www.distanceriding.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/SEDRARuleBook010220.pdf>), there was a learning curve for everyone to accomplish either the introductory 12.5 mile or the sanctioned 25 mile drive.



Julie Forsyth and her navigator on course

I am so in tune with driving measured kilometers, counting gates upward, and generally ADS rules that some SEDRA requirements and the approach to distance driving took me by surprise. Notes to abide by for next year:

*There is no distinction for times between pony/horse or single/multiples.

*Kicking straps are required (thank you Robin and Wilson Groves for having one to lend)

*Distances are measured in miles and count down. For the 12.5 mile drive, there were markers at 10, 5 and 1 mile.

*Watering stations were plentiful. However, a horse that is trained to not drop his head [to eat grass] while in harness might also take exception to reaching down into the barrel troughs.

*One must trot in the last 1/4 mile

*At finish, 10 minutes to unharnessed and water horse to bring back for 20min hold and inspection. Can splash on water, but no hosing, alcohol or other cooling agents



Margy Cox comin' atcha

*The 25 mile drivers are encouraged to feed grains at their interim hold

*There are 2 vets scoring and checking horses before and after the drive

*Your horse must trot in hand for vet inspections. (Sheridan had no issue in the morning trot, but my volunteer handler didn't ask the opinionated Morgan 'his way' to trot in afternoon so we lost some points there.)

The FITS crew did an outstanding job of laying out tracks that were carriage friendly and not chewed up with deep sand, until that last 1/2 mile leading back to the finish line. THAT was a bit tough especially since my marathon carriage is still waiting for pneumatic wheels to use for Florida conditions.

The FITS sponsors were also extremely generous and I came home with a new muck bucket from Black Prong Equestrian Village, a full sized container of electrolytes from Mad Barn, and the FITS T-shirt.

With a total of 9 turnouts, singles and pairs, ponies and horses, drivers were fairly represented. I look forward to doing the drive again next year, maybe with a lighter weight cart, and improving our condition score. Assuming another success, it might be worthwhile for the Florida Whips to team up with SEDRA and pursue more opportunities for holding competitive [distance] drives throughout the various regions.



Counterclockwise Bob Vance and Rae Fischer (left), Wilson Groves (below left) and Candy Smith with her Morgan, Sheridan (below)



Tips and Guidelines for showing in a Pleasure Driving Show

by Peggy Belvin

"The ephemeral satisfaction and constant concentration that a perfect turnout can provoke is practically a "joy forever" and certainly a rare experience....and a thrilling one." Quote from Crafty, Paris 1890 as translated by Sue de Brantes:

You've entered your very first Pleasure Show. Perhaps you have watched a few and have a general idea of how it works, or, you've taken a few lessons and have decided that you'd like to give this "show" thing a try, but not sure of exactly what is expected.



Linda Evans' lovely turnout at the Grand Oaks Carriage Classic

The American Driving Society dedicates about 48 pages in their rule book to the specificity of Pleasure Driving Shows. However, in the case of a Pleasure "FUN" Show, the organizers along with the judges, can tone down the rules and make provisions for a variety of carriage types and turnouts.

A Fun Show is really a learning opportunity and a place to ask questions. Our judging team for the PBCMP thought it would be beneficial for newcomers to know in advance what is going to be required. In the case of the Pleasure (Junior/Beginner and Open) Classes it states that the class will be "judged 50% on the Horse and 50% on the Driver". What does that mean exactly?

Let's start with the Horse. 25% of the score would judge the animal. Is he well groomed, mane braided, hooves oiled, tail combed and shiny? A judge would look at the overall horse's performance, his soundness and gaits, especially transitions to each command and the horse's compatibility to the carriage. 25% to be judged on the carriage and harness which should be clean to the point of pleasing to the eye and color coordinated. The bit correct as to functioning for the horse, blinkers properly positioned. It is also the opportunity to present whatever type carriage you have to its best potential.

Those are a lot of variables to go into 50%, but here's the thing...it's the overall picture. You may have a beautiful carriage, but if it's not clean and your high stepping horse's mane is long and unkempt, the overall picture may not be as lovely as the driver with a training cart and a steady pony that is clipped and braided.

Now onto the Driver, also 50%. The key is not to compete for attention or to overwhelm your horse and carriage. Complement your carriage. That means, a clean and tidy outfit, colors to work with your animal and carriage rather than being loud and garish. A driver's standard for most shows includes brown smart fitting gloves, apron, which length should be mid-calf to above ankle when sitting and blend with the color of the jacket. It is customary for ladies and gentlemen to wear a hat practical to weather or time of day and most definitely helmets are acceptable and not discounted, as well as being required for junior drivers. This "turnout" score would account for 25% of the Driver score.

The other 25% is about showing your skills without difficulty and with preparedness being evident in the driver's ability to put his or her pony through its required paces seemingly without effort. For a Fun Show, working trot, slow trot and a walk in both directions, a halt and perhaps a few steps of backing, would be asked. A whip is required with the length point to reach either side of the horse just behind the saddle with appropriate length lash. Correct use of whip, posture of driver, use of hands, actual contact to horse's mouth, and subtle yet clear transition signals, score higher marks.

Without being stuffy or ridged, the very phrase "Pleasure Show" is a specific driving competition, which owns some history, tradition, and perhaps a bit of pomp. While our junior drivers would have been exempt from aprons and jackets for this event, it is the duty of our Whips judges and organizers to provide the necessary building blocks should some of our participants wish to advance to more formal show competitions. The same basic turnout should be considered for the cones classes and the reinsmanship classes. We carry the torch and hope to lead our newcomers to a "joy forever".

Scenes from Live Oak 2020



Louise Blankinship heading down the gulch!

Chris Carswell with his "invisible" navigator, Sterling Grayburn



Roberta Greeno's adorable pair, Calvin and Hobbes



Tom Warriner's team looking good on course



Louise Blankinship going double clear on cones!

SCHEDULE FOR 2020 SOUTHERN DRIVE AT THE GRAND OAKS

THURSDAY, JUNE 18		
9:00 - 4:00	Registration/Event Office Open	
All Day	* Drive at Will on Property: Trails, open obstacles (helmets required), cones and dressage rings * Private Lessons: Contact Individual Clinicians to Schedule Lessons*	
4:00	DEADLINE FOR DRESSAGE "FIX A TEST"	Event Office
5:00 - 6:30	Welcome Reception with Golf Putting Contest & Equine Trivia	Front of Bistro
	Dinner on your own: Bistro open (reservations suggested 352-750-9500)	
FRIDAY, JUNE 19		
8:00 - 4:00	Registration/Event Office Open	
All Day	* Drive at Will on Property: Trails, open obstacles (helmets required), cones and dressage rings * Private Lessons: Contact Individual Clinicians to Schedule Lessons*	
9:00	"Fix a Test" \$25 per test (includes driving test and getting suggestions from the Judge after)	Nut House Arena
9:30 - 11:30	SCRABBLE CONES - Sponsored by the Florida Whips	Racetrack
	You will have 2-1/2 minutes to drive through the lettered cones to spell as many words as you can.	
12:00 - 2:00	LUNCH & LEARN: Nutrition - Triple Crown Representative Katie Wentz Vet - Sporthorses Unlimited - Dr. Crystal Riczu	Bridge Room
2:00	DEADLINE FOR DERBY	Event Office
6:00	TACO DINNER - Raffle tickets to purchase, Drawing of Derby Teams & Equine Trivia	Bridge Room
SATURDAY, JUNE 20		
8:00 - 4:00	Registration/Event Office Open	
All Day	* Drive at Will on Property: Trails, open obstacles (helmets required), cones and dressage rings * Private Lessons: Contact Individual Clinicians to Schedule Lessons*	
10:00 - 12:00	Jackpot Derby Team Challenge (An additional \$25 entry fee required) Drivers compete in randomly-drawn teams on a course of numbered cones and gated obstacles. Cash jackpot to winning team! Safety vest and helmets must be worn.	Covered Arena
1:00 - 3:00	Florida Whips Meeting - Box Lunches available \$12 per person	Bridge Room
6:00	DINNER followed by Awards and Funny Money Auction! Florida Whips Auction proceeds go to the Para Drivers and Florida Whips Website Design.	Bridge Room
SUNDAY, JUNE 21		
All Day	* Drive at Will on Property: Trails, open obstacles (helmets required), cones and dressage rings * Private Lessons: Contact Individual Clinicians to Schedule Lessons*	
9:00 - 2:00	Brunch in Bistro by Reservation only 352-750-9500	
7:30	Coffee Shop open	
9:00 - 10:00	Cowboy Church in the Chapel	
9:00	TRAIL PACE Driven on a marked course around the property to test the driver on his/her skill in negotiating a cross-country drive at a prescribed pace (similar to a hunter pace).	Racetrack



2020 SOUTHERN DRIVE

CLINICIANS:

Clinicians are available by reservation. Please contact them ahead of time to schedule.

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sterling@teamsterlingdriving.com

Scott Adcox 941-356-6035
scott@nupafeedusa.com

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For Grand Oaks Accommodations please contact the Resort Office at 352-750-5500 x 231.
Golf carts are available for rent during your stay. They must be reserved in advance for day of arrival.
Please contact the Resort Office at 352-750-5500 x 231 for reservations.

The following hotels are within 15 minutes of the Grand Oaks Resort:

Marriott Towneplace Suites	The Villages	352-753-8686
Comfort Suites	Lady Lake	352-751-5788
Holiday Inn Express	Lady Lake	352-750-3888
Microtel	Lady Lake	352-259-0184

DIRECTIONS TO THE GRAND OAKS RESORT:

Address: **3000 Marion County Road, Weirsdale, FL 32195**

If you have not been here before please call Kacy at 352-409-1398 upon entering the property.

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For additional information or any questions please contact Kacy Tipton-Fashik at kacyf@thegrandoaks.com or 352-409-1398.



**SOUTHERN DRIVE AT THE GRAND OAKS
REGISTRATION FORM
June 18-21, 2020**

Name: _____
Address: _____ **City, State, Zip:** _____
Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____ **Email:** _____
Day & Estimated Arrival Time: _____
Cottage Rentals: Yes No **Location:** _____
RV Rental: Yes No
Stable with: _____

	Fee	How Many	Total
Registration Fee Includes:	Registration per person	\$75	\$
* 4 days of activities and use of all driving facilities (arenas, cones, trails and open obstacles)	Stabling (\$35 per stall/per night)	\$35	\$
* Welcome Reception on Thursday evening	RV Camping (\$50 per night)	\$50	\$
* Educational Sessions on Friday afternoon	Shavings (Min 2 bags)	\$16	\$
* Taco Dinner Friday evening	"Fix A Test" Dressage	\$25	\$
* Awards Dinner and Funny Money Auction on Saturday evening	Derby Challenge	\$25	\$
Optional Events:	Box Lunch during FL Whips Meeting	\$12	\$
* "Fix A Test" Dressage - Test must be provided	Additional meals: Thursday	\$15	\$
* Team Derby Challenge: Teams for the Derby will be chosen by a blind draw from all entries. The winning team splits the cash jackpot equally. Entry fee is \$25 per turnout.	Friday	\$20	\$
* Private Lessons: Individual lessons with instructor is available by contacting them directly.	Saturday	\$25	\$
Clinicians: Muffy Seaton	Shirt Order: Small	\$25	\$
fourfleas@aol.com	Ladies Medium	\$25	\$
Sterling Grayburn	Men Large	\$25	\$
540-454-2939	Navy X-Large	\$25	\$
sterling@teamsterlingdriving.com	Hunter Green XX-Large	\$30	\$
Scott Adcox	XXX-Large	\$30	\$
941-356-6035	Total Enclosed		\$
scott@nupafeedusa.com	Make checks payable to Grand Oaks Resort or pay by Visa or MasterCard		
	Card Number	Exp. Date	
	Name as it appears on the Card	3 digit code	
	Signature	Date	

Note any dietary issues:

Please include these items with your entry. Thank You!!

<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration form
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of Coggins & Flu/Rhino Vaccine
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Oaks Liability for each person attending
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check or CC information
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dressage Test (if participating)



LIABILITY RELEASE
(Please Print Legibly)

Name (known as the "Guest") _____
Address _____
Town, State, Zip _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Upon completion of this document, the Guest may engage in any or all of the activities offered at The Grand Oaks Operating LLC, 3000 Marion County Road, Weirsdale, Florida, hereinafter referred to as The Property. The undersigned Guest understands and accepts any and all risk included with visiting The Property and that there may be unforeseen and unexpected hazards encountered upon The Property including, but not limited to, observation of or participation in, carriage rides and horseback riding or other events, shows and demonstrations. Therefore, Guest does hereby release, acquit and forever discharge The Grand Oaks Operating LLC, their parent, related affiliated and subsidiary companies or entities and the officers, directors, employees, trustees, volunteers, agents, representatives, successors and assigns of each from any and all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs, expense or compensation of any nature arising out of or in any way connected with Guest's presence upon The Property or any activities engaged in or events conducted thereon. Guest understands that this Release includes any claims based on the negligence, action or inaction of any of the parties herein released and covers bodily injury and property damage suffered by Guest, Guest's child or ward or any person or property for which Guest has responsibility or authority over during or after such participation. Guest further understands that this Release applies to any and all occurrences upon The Property including but not limited to equine activities. Guest further acknowledges and agrees that this Release is given in perpetuity and is intended to and does apply to Guest's presence upon The Property at any time subsequent to the execution of this liability waiver.

This document is meant to be a full and complete release from any and all liability that may arise on The Property. This release is given freely and voluntarily by the Guest while on the property and signature herein so signifies that the Guest has read and understands its contents.

Managers and employees of The Property have the right to deny service to any guest when safety to themselves or others is in question.

Warning: Under Florida law, an Equine activity sponsor or Equine Professional is not liable for injury to, or the death of, a guest in equine activities.

Dated: _____ Signature of Guest: _____

Legal Guardian (if Guest is a minor child): _____

Acceptance by Activity Sponsor: _____

NOTE: All passengers / grooms must also sign a copy of this liability waiver!

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Name (known as the "Guest") _____
Address _____
Town, State, Zip _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Upon completion of this document, the Guest may engage in any or all of the activities offered at The Grand Oaks Operating LLC, 3000 Marion County Road, Weirsdale, Florida, hereinafter referred to as The Property. The undersigned Guest understands and accepts any and all risk included with visiting The Property and that there may be unforeseen and unexpected hazards encountered upon The Property including, but not limited to, observation of or participation in, carriage rides and horseback riding or other events, shows and demonstrations. Therefore, Guest does hereby release, acquit and forever discharge The Grand Oaks Operating LLC, their parent, related affiliated and subsidiary companies or entities and the officers, directors, employees, trustees, volunteers, agents, representatives, successors and assigns of each from any and all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs, expense or compensation of any nature arising out of or in any way connected with Guest's presence upon The Property or any activities engaged in or events conducted thereon. Guest understands that this Release includes any claims based on the negligence, action or inaction of any of the parties herein released and covers bodily injury and property damage suffered by Guest, Guest's child or ward or any person or property for which Guest has responsibility or authority over during or after such participation. Guest further understands that this Release applies to any and all occurrences upon The Property including but not limited to equine activities. Guest further acknowledges and agrees that this Release is given in perpetuity and is intended to and does apply to Guest's presence upon The Property at any time subsequent to the execution of this liability waiver.

This document is meant to be a full and complete release from any and all liability that may arise on The Property. This release is given freely and voluntarily by the Guest while on the property and signature herein so signifies that the Guest has read and understands its contents.

Managers and employees of The Property have the right to deny service to any guest when safety to themselves or others is in question.

Warning: Under Florida law, an Equine activity sponsor or Equine Professional is not liable for injury to, or the death of, a guest in equine activities.

Dated: _____ Signature of Guest: _____

Legal Guardian (if Guest is a minor child): _____

Acceptance by Activity Sponsor: _____

NOTE: All passengers / grooms must also sign a copy of this liability waiver!

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