

Rounds Ranch – School Field Trips Informed Consent Notice

In order for your child to participate in a school-organized field trip to Rounds Ranch, it is essential that every parent/guardian reads and acknowledges this Informed Consent Notice beforehand. The school organizing the trip is responsible for distributing this document to all parents/guardians of the child(ren) taking part in the field trip to Rounds Ranch.

Please be aware that Rounds Ranch and its staff are not accountable for the distribution of this Informed Consent Notice to parents/guardians of the child(ren) taking part in the field trip to Rounds Ranch. Rounds Ranch solely ensures provision of this document to the school itself.

This notice is intended to inform you, as a parent/guardian, that your child(ren) has been invited to attend Rounds Ranch as part of a school-organized field trip. During the duration of this trip, your child will be under the primary care and supervision of the teachers, parent volunteers, and student volunteers. Please note that Rounds Ranch and its staff will not assume any responsibility or liability for your child(ren)'s well-being or safety.

The safety of your child(ren) is largely dependent on them taking proper care of themselves. It is your responsibility as the parent/guardian to ensure that your child is appropriately dressed and equipped with necessary personal care supplies in good and suitable condition. This includes, but is not limited to, providing enough water and food, appropriate footwear, suitable clothing, any required special medical supplies including sunscreen and insect repellent, and any other personal needs or equipment.

Moreover, please be aware that participating in any activity at Rounds Ranch carries some risks of injury. To minimize the likelihood of injury to your child(ren), it is crucial that they comply with the posted rules for each activity and use Rounds Ranch equipment correctly. While under the supervision of the teachers, parent volunteers, and student volunteers, your child(ren) are responsible for:

- Following all rules and guidelines designed to minimize the risk of injury for themselves and others while engaging in the activity.
- Adjusting their participation in any given activity based on their individual fitness levels.
- Wearing appropriate protective gear as instructed for each activity and avoiding any attire or substances that could pose a hazard to themselves or others during the activity.

Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in your child(ren) being prohibited from continuing to participate in the activity. The decision to revoke participation may be made by a member of the Rounds Ranch staff or by the appointed teachers, parent volunteers, or student volunteers responsible for your child(ren). Enforcing the rules and revoking participation is solely the responsibility of the designated teachers, parent volunteers, or student volunteers.

By allowing your child(ren) to attend at Rounds Ranch, you should be aware that participating in the activities at Rounds Ranch involves many risks, dangers and hazards including but not limited to: changing weather conditions; exposed rock, earth, mud, water and other natural objects and ground conditions; changes or variations in the terrain; slips, trips or falls; changes or variations in the terrain surface or sub-surface, whether inside or out, including changes due to man-made or natural terrain; collision with other persons; the failure to participate safely or within one's own ability; falls from equipment or features; equipment failure; inability to control one's speed, balance, or direction; becoming lost or separated from group; being struck by equipment used in the activities; exhaustion; aggression by farm animals resulting in biting, kicking, or trampling; drowning; fractures, sprains, cuts, bruising and strains; infection, including viral infections; encounters with wildlife; exposure to sun, heat or other natural elements; aggravation or onset of pre-existing injuries or conditions; allergic reactions; negligence on the part of other persons and **NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF ONE OR MORE OF ROUNDS RANCH, OR ITS STAFF, INCLUDING THEIR FAILURE TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT THE PARTICIPANT FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS.** The risks, dangers and hazards referred to above exist throughout the Premises and many are unmarked. The various activities are listed below in Appendix A.

Please note that Rounds Ranch is only responsible for the overall supervision of the attending school group to ensure a safe and successful field trip. However, Rounds Ranch cannot and does not guarantee the personal safety of your child(ren).

Appendix A – Activities Available at Rounds Ranch

Petting Zoo – Farm Animals in pens that customers pet & visit
Tumbleweed Turnabout- Large round tubes that customers roll around in from one side to another
Slip’N’Slide – 500’ tube water slide with a shallow pool (3-4”)at the bottom
Western Play fort – Ziplines with disc seats & 4 different height slides & two rope bridges
Pony Rides – Customers wear a helmet & a staff walk pony around a fenced area giving a ride
Pedal Carts - Adult & child size pedal carts that they pedal around on a track
Barnyard Boxcars – Barrel train painted as farm animals that gives children a wiggly ride around
Buckaroo Bouncer – 2 large inflatable pillows that people jump on
Bandits Bubble Bash – Large fenced in area that have bubbles for kids to play in
Tractor Rides – Wagons attached to a tractor giving customers a tour around the ranch & to certain crops
Confusion Corn maze – large corn maze with a map & game
Sack Shoot n Scout – 200’ slide that customers sit on a sack sled
Low Ropes Course – Low to the ground obstacle course
Moo Maze – Strawbales wrapped in plastic & made into a maze with a find the cow station game
Bath House Water Maze – A building with a maze and motion censored water sprinklers
Bean Bin – Soya beans in a large bin area for sensory fun
Bouncy Pony Corral – inflatable ponies to bounce on for young children
Swinging Tire Horse – horses made out of tires for the purpose of riding & swinging
Mercantile – a small country store that sells souvenirs & drinks
Tire Pyramid – Large tires made into a pyramid for children to climb
Sand box – large sand box with diggers & trucks for children to play with
Young Buckaroo Corn Maze – Small corn maze with a fun game
Rockin Tire Horses – horses made from tires with a spring on the bottom for rocking on
Buckin Bronco – Barrel with 4 ropes on each corner tied off & created for friends to try to buck off their friends onto a large safety mat
Rubber Duck Races – Old fashioned water pumps to pump water into the trough to race the rubber duck
Texas Crawl – 2 large culverts kids can crawl through
Likety Split Slide – 3 x 36” tubeslides on lookout tower onto mats.
Lavender/Sunflower/Pumpkins – crops that customers come to pick their own