

Happy's Farm 2024 Summer Camp Accident Release and Policies and Procedures

Accident Release:

I release Happy's Farm, its Board of Directors, all staff and volunteers, and other farm participants from repercussions from any and all accidents and any liability if their child is exposed/contracts COVID-19 or any illness while attending the farm's programs. The risks of exposure to an illness are inherent risks that are taken when sending children to any activity with other children such as school, camp, church, sports practices, playgrounds, clubs, etc.

As the parent/guardian of _____, I agree to let Happy's Farm know if my child is exposed to or contracts COVID-19 while they are attending any programs at the farm. Should my child be exposed to the virus or start exhibiting any of the symptoms of COVID-19, regardless of known exposure, I must agree to keep my child at home until my child has tested negative to a COVID-19 test. Happy's Farm will take preventative measures to protect the children and will take temporal temperatures from the children if they exhibit characteristics based on apparent symptoms of COVID-19 or other sicknesses when they arrive to the farm. I give my consent to Happy's Farm, Inc. to allow a staff member to take my child's temporal temperature on arrival to ensure the farm is following the CDC guidelines of checking for an elevated temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher if an illness of a child is suspected.

Happy's Farm has the right to decline a child's entry into the farm even if they don't have a temperature but exhibit characteristics based on apparent symptoms of COVID-19 or other type of illness in an effort to keep all farm participants safe and well. Happy's Farm will conduct proper cleaning and sanitizing procedures each day to ensure that all the equipment is safe for the children to play on. The farm staff asks for all children to not bring toys from home in order to protect everyone at the farm. There are so many toys and activities at the farm to keep your child engaged that bringing in outside toys from home is strongly discouraged during this time. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we are all striving to keep our children and staff safe during this COVID-19 pandemic.

Electronics:

Happy's Farm understands that many children have their own phones/iPads/computers but realizes that when a child brings their technology to the farm, having their technology device can open the door to misuse of technology as the internet access is available at the farm. There are so many opportunities for the buckaroos to interact together and enjoy the farm activities that the staff feels that a child's technology is better left at home. Happy's Farm wants children to enjoy all of the beautiful things the Lord has given to us and reflect on nature and all that it provides to us. Children do not need to have cell phones but if they do per parents wishes, the farm asks them to keep them put away in their book bags or give them to a farm staff to hold until they leave to prevent the misuse of technology as well as the transmission of germs to each other as children often share their technology as if it was a toy. If a parent needs to get in touch with their child, the parent is welcome to call Mrs. Rhonda on her cell phone at 704-798-6800 or Mrs. Shanna on her cell phone at 704-202-0623 anytime.

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Payments:

Operating costs of the farm has increased significantly, but Happy's Farm is trying to keep the same rates for summer camp as last year. The farm has strived very hard over the past 10 years to maintain the lowest prices possible for parents but in order to continue, rates must be paid before services are rendered. **Payment for all services must be paid on the morning of the first day of services provided. Payment must be given that morning in order for the child to stay for the day. There will not be any exceptions as it will take everyone understanding that the farm's expenses must be paid in order for operation to continue.** The farm accepts cash and checks and will be accepting credit card payments in the near future. If a check is returned as non sufficient funds, a \$25 returned check fee will be added and the fees will have to be paid before the farm services continue. The staff feels the farm offers so many opportunities and facilities for the children that are not offered at other sites and are well worth the price of \$25 per day. The farm is constantly striving to provide activities to give our youth opportunities to develop friendships with others and develop memories that will last a lifetime.

Behavior Policy:

All children will be required to treat each other and everything with love and respect. A great deal of hard work goes into making the farm a special place and everyone has to work together to make it a pleasant experience for everyone. If your child is being disrespectful to farm staff, vandalizing farm property, and/or exhibiting behaviors that could hurt themselves or another child or animal, he/she will be asked to leave and child care at Happy's Farm will discontinue immediately. Any child that requires one on one attention in order to behave in the appropriate manner will not be allowed to attend camp as the farm is going to stay a place where all children feel safe and respected. The farm is not a suitable place for children that are considered "runners" as the farm has many outside activities and the farm staff take everyone's safety very seriously. Again, the farm is a very special place where lots of hard work has been given by numerous individuals to make it that way and everything and everybody must be treated with respect and kindness. No other actions will be tolerated and considered acceptable behavior!

Please have your child sign here as you explain these expectations to your child.

Child's Signature: _____

(Please make sure you read the Behavior Policy with your child and have them sign this as it will take everyone working together to create a positive and healthy atmosphere at Happy's Farm. Children need to understand the farm's expectations for their behavior and realize that they are responsible for their actions. Everyone that attends the programs at the farm should be allowed to do so in a positive and healthy environment.)

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Volunteer Opportunities:

There will not be any Volunteer Opportunities for youth under the age of 16 except for prior children who have been approved by the farm's board of directors and have proven that they truly want to volunteer and help in the ways that are needed at the farm. Being a volunteer at the farm involves a great deal of hard work in a farm type setting and the staff has found that youth under the age of 16 are not ready to accept and fully understand volunteer expectations and this misunderstanding of the work ethics that are required of the youth makes it much harder on the regular farm staff. Our age of technology has really taken away from work values and the pride one gets in taking part in a what our past generation of folks would call "a good hard day's work."

Thank you for your understanding of these policies and procedures and as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mrs. Rhonda at anytime. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we are all striving to keep our children and staff safe and keep Happy's Farm open to help serve you with your child care needs.

I carry adequate primary insurance to cover any accident while my child is at Happy's Farm and agree to abide by and understand the information in the above accident release statements.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

In case of an emergency, and in the event that I cannot be reached, I give permission for Happy's Farm personnel to call 911 for emergency transport to the hospital listed below. I also give permission for a doctor to give the necessary treatment as needed for my child.

Insurance Company _____ **Policy Number** _____

Preferred Hospital _____