

WAIVER OF LIABILITY
for
PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18
IN ACTIVITIES AND OTHER EVENTS
aboard
MARINE CORPS BASE, QUANTICO, VIRGINIA

We hereby request that our child, _____, be permitted to take part in the QUANTICO RIDING CLUB events and activities to be held aboard Marine corps Base (MCB), Quantico, Virginia, beginning as dated and for one year from that date. I understand that the QRC is a private organization and is not a Federal government entity. I understand that the QRC is operating and conducting events on MCB, Quantico by permission of the Federal Government subject to certain terms and conditions. I understand that my child's observation and/or participation in the activities of the QRC will involve access to MCB, Quantico, an active military base which consists of Marine Corps Base ranges and training areas.

I understand the following three cautions with regard to MCB, Quantico:

1. All ranges and training areas, including recreational fields, are designed for and use by the Marine Corps for training its personnel in the deadly art of individual and unit combat.
2. Ranges and training areas have been subject to countless training exercises that may well have involved the use of ammunition and placement of manmade or natural obstacles which, if triggered or encountered by or during physical presence on the ranges/training areas, could result in serious bodily injury or death to my child.
3. Range and training area conditions are often aggravated by the weather such that extreme heat, humidity, cold, wind, or wet will increase the likelihood of physical danger and exposure to serious bodily injury, sickness, accident, or death.

I understand that certain activities, including physical fitness or sport activities, may cause injuries associated with physical fitness training like muscle sprains or strains, tendon pulls, dislocation of joints, broken bones, and injuries associated with physical contact with other participants, and injuries from playing conditions, to include field conditions and the inherent dangers associated with environmental conditions.

I further understand that the QRC will provide the following events or activities and I voluntarily assume for me, and on behalf of my child, the specific risks associated with observing or participating in these types of events or activities:

Equine activities:

I understand that the QRC provides equine activities that will entail access to Marine Corps trails and training areas. I understand that riding horses involves accepting inherent risks including, but not limited to, the unpredictability of a horse's behavior, the risk of injury resulting from falling from a horse, being stepped on or kicked by a horse, from a horse running into fences, trees, buildings, and other structures, and injuries resulting from tripping or falling over obstacles in the riding areas, and conditions of the trails, whether apparent or not. In addition, I understand that the injuries sustained from riding horses could be serious or could result in death. I acknowledge that equine activities are a high-risk sport and that my involvement with these activities is inherently dangerous and could result in property damage as well as serious bodily injury or death to me, my child, and others.

In spite of my full knowledge of the risks involved in allowing my child to observe and/or participate in the QRC's activities and, in consideration of the privilege for my child to participate in the QRC's activities to be held aboard MCS, Quantico, I do hereby freely and voluntarily, and intending to be legally bound, accept all risks associated with these activities and waive any and all rights to any claims or demands or any other actions whatsoever, including those attributable to negligence for damages due to accident, injury, or death resulting from observation and/or participation in any of the QRC's activities, for me, my spouse, my parents or guardians, my heirs, executors, administrators, or legal representative of my estate, or anyone else on my behalf, which I may have against any of the following: The United States of America, the Department of Defense, the Department of the Navy, the Command, Marine Corps Base Quantico, or any and all individuals assigned to or employed by the United States, to include but not limited to, the Secretary of the Navy, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, the Commanding General of the Marine Corps Combat Development Command, or the Commander of Marine Corps Base Quantico, in both their official and personal capacities, or any medical personnel or their representatives, successors, or assigns designated thereto.

I understand that the above language means I have abandon any rights I may have or any rights anyone associated with me may have, through legal or friendship or family ties, to sue the federal government for any injury that I may sustain because of participation and/or observation in any of the QRC's activities that result in any damage whatsoever to me, my property, or in my death. Be signing this document, I acknowledge that the Federal Government, or any agency or employee thereof, is not liable for any injury I may sustain, to include death, as a result of participation in, observation or attendance of the QRC's activities. By signing this document, I effectively and completely assume all risk associated with the QRC's activities.

Lastly, I understand that should I decline to execute this Waiver of Liability, I will not be permitted to attend, observe or participate in the QRC's activities or event(s) to be held aboard MCB Quantico.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

BY VIRTUE OF MY SIGNATURE, I ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH ON THIS DOCUMENT AN FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT IN WHOLE AND UNDERSTAND WHAT I AM SIGNING.

Printed Name of Participant/Observer

Signature of Participant/Observer

Printed Name of Child

Date