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Hello and welcome to Volunteer Central—this time by e-mail to make it cheaper and easier for everyone (especially me).

The 2010 MHC Horse Expo is fast approaching, and I am once again writing to ask that you consider serving as a volunteer. This year the Expo begins at noon on Friday, March 12th, and runs through 5 p.m. Sunday, March 14th at the Pavilion on MSU's campus. While I'm asking volunteers to commit to at least four hours, I know that many of you spend a lot more than that helping at the Expo, and I want you to know, right here and now, how very much you are appreciated for that.

If you are able to help this year, please let me know what day(s) and time(s) you will be available. (If you can't make it this year, I'd like to know that, too, as it will help me plan.) If there is something you absolutely don't want to do, tell me what it is and I won't put your name next to it. If there is a job you always do or a person you usually help, let me know that, too. You can reach me for that purpose at:

e-mail (work): mjligon@sbcglobal.net (best) or fax (810) 229-6060
Tel. - Days: (810) 229-7237; Cell: (810) 623-0661; Evenings: (734) 878-1249

Ida Glassbrook is once again handling youth volunteers. You can contact her at:

e-mail: erc474@netzero.com
Tel. - (517) 589-8412

I have attached two Waiver and Release forms, one for adult volunteers and one for minors. Please print out, sign and return whichever one is appropriate for you, either by fax at the number provided above or by mail to: 6875 Farley Road, Pinckney, MI 48169. If more than one of you at your house will be volunteering, please have everyone sign a Waiver and Release. Thank you for your attention to this necessary detail.

The procedure for volunteers remains the same this year. Check in at the Volunteers Office upon arriving. It is located next to the Exhibitors Office on the north hall by the entrance, the same as last year. I will have a Volunteer bracelet for you that will permit you access anywhere at the Expo.

One more thing. Should you see a situation that you believe presents a safety problem, please do nothing that places you in any personal danger. As with any problem you observe, report it promptly to any member of the Expo Committee (the Yellow Vests). They will take whatever action is necessary.

Many thanks. See you in March. Together, we'll put on another fun and successful Expo.

Jean Ligon

PERMISSION FOR MINOR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE

We, the undersigned parents of [name] _____, grant permission for our child(ren) to participate as volunteers at the 2010 MHC Stallion Exposition and Trade Show (“Stallion Expo”).

Emergency Information:

In case of emergency, please notify: [name] _____

[address] _____

[phone] _____

Doctor: [name/phone number] _____

Hospital: [name] _____

WAIVER AND RELEASE

Except in the event of gross and willful negligence, I, the undersigned, shall bring no claims, demands, actions and causes of action, and/or litigation, against the Michigan Horse Council (“MHC”) or its members or agents for any economic and non-economic losses due to bodily injury, death, or property damage sustained by me in relation to my service as a volunteer at the MHC Stallion Exposition and Trade Show (“Stallion Expo”), including while I am near horses in the care, custody and control of the Michigan Horse Council or its agents.

I do hereby agree to release the Michigan Horse Council from any and all liability resulting from bodily injury, death, or property damage occurring as a result of my participation as a volunteer in the Stallion Expo. I understand that equine activities are risky by their very nature and agree to undertake full responsibility for said risk on my own behalf and on behalf of my minor children, legal wards, heirs, representatives and assigns. I further understand as follows:

Under the Michigan Equine Activity Liability Act, 1994 PA 351, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in an equine activity resulting from an inherent risk of the equine activity.

I further agree that this release and waiver constitutes a waiver of liability beyond the provisions of the above-cited Michigan Equine Activity Liability Act. This release and waiver shall remain in effect for all claims arising under its terms for the entire duration of my participation in the Stallion Expo, regardless of my level of participation in that event. I also agree that if any portion of this release and waiver is struck down by a court of law, the remaining terms shall remain binding.

MY SIGNATURE BELOW IS PROOF THAT I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE AND WAIVER AND RELEASE. I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, AND I KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY AGREE TO DO SO.

/s/
(Print Name): _____ Date _____

/s/
(Print Name): _____ Date _____

/s/
(Print Name): _____ Date _____

[Note: All information requested must be provided and the minor child and both of the minor child’s parents/guardians must sign this “Permission to Participate and Waiver and Release”.]

EXPO VOLUNTEER WAIVER AND RELEASE

Except in the event of gross and willful negligence, I, the undersigned, shall bring no claims, demands, actions and causes of action, and/or litigation, against the Michigan Horse Council (“MHC”) or its members or agents for any economic and non-economic losses due to bodily injury, death, or property damage sustained by me in relation to my service as a volunteer at the MHC Stallion Exposition and Trade Show (“MHC Horse Expo”), including while I am riding, handling, or otherwise near horses in the care, custody and control of the Michigan Horse Council or its agents.

I do hereby agree to release the Michigan Horse Council from any and all liability resulting from bodily injury, death, or property damage occurring as a result of my participation as a volunteer in the MHC Horse Expo. I fully release the Michigan Horse Council from all claims, legal or otherwise, which I may now have or may have in the future that result from the negligence of the Michigan Horse Council, its members, agents, and other volunteers, in conjunction with the MHC Horse Expo. I understand that equine activities are risky by their very nature and agree to undertake full responsibility for said risk for myself and on behalf of my minor children, legal wards, heirs, representatives and assigns. I further understand as follows:

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/s/

(Print Name):

Date

[Note: This release is for an adult volunteer. If the volunteer is a minor child, the minor and both of the minor’s parents must sign a separate “Permission to participate” that includes a waiver and release.]