General TRTC Facility Policies

Conduct at the Center
It is mandatory that everyone follows the posted safety rules and abides by all posted off-limit areas. TTRC is a non-smoking, tobacco free facility and the use of drugs or alcohol on the property is strictly forbidden. No mistreatment, abuse or suggested abuse of any person or animal will be tolerated. We reserve the right to ask anyone to leave the premises.

All visitors, including children, are asked to be respectful of the center and the sessions occurring. No one is allowed in the arena unless they have been through a volunteer orientation or at the discretion of the Program Director. Loud noises and activity can be distracting to the participants.

Proper Attire
Equine-assisted activities occur outdoors, or are held at our indoor riding arena. Therefore, we encourage participants to dress for all types of weather conditions. We recommend bringing gear to protect you from the weather elements. For example: sunglasses, hat with a brim, and sunscreen for sunny weather; extra layers, gloves, and hat for cold weather. We also encourage you to bring a water bottle for hydration.

**During your work with our therapy horses, you will be exposed to dirt, dust, and mud. Long pants and closed-toed, sturdy shoes or boots are required. Sandals, or shoes that can easily slide off, are not appropriate.

Riding Helmet Policy
In compliance with PATH, Intl. guidelines, riding helmets are mandatory for horseback riding and specific ground-based activities such as lunging a horse. We provide helmets for horseback riding sessions, but if you wish to purchase your own, it must be an ASTM-SEI approved equestrian helmet that is not older than 5 years from the manufacture date. We replace our helmets every 5 years. You are welcome to request a helmet for all your activities, regardless of whether or not you ride during your sessions. Participants under the age of 18 are required to wear a helmet for all types of horse handling activities.

Center Operating Schedule
Currently we are open for operation year-round. We schedule equine-assisted therapies sessions in conjunction with the school semesters: fall, summer and spring. We do close on specific holidays.

Equine Session Cancellations
There are times when weather conditions are severe enough to warrant session cancellations. We do have an indoor arena, however, sometimes when the wind blows or the rain is coming down hard, you can’t hear and the horses could become startled. We want to provide the safest environment to set everyone up for success. Please understand when we cancel there is a good reason.

Cancellations are at the discretion of the Program Director. Common reasons for TRTC to cancel sessions include the following:

- When the temperature is above 95 degrees Fahrenheit, or below 32 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Rain, thunder and lightning, high winds, snow, or ice storms make travel to the center dangerous, or compromise our ability to provide you with a safe experience at our facility.