



Smiling Goat Ranch Playdate Application

Please provide as much information as possible to help us fully understand the needs of your child and family and accommodate you as best we can. Our sessions are individualized, so the more detailed information we have the better job we can do.

In addition to this application, if we have never worked with you before, we will require two written or verbal references from non-family members who have known you and your family for at least two years. Suitable references include therapists, teachers, and other professionals who have worked with you or your family. Please include these references in your application e-mail and provide a phone number or e-mail address so we can follow up if necessary.

Disclaimer: We have a limited number of spaces available for our programs. Please be as detailed and honest as possible when filling out the above information. Completion of this application form does not guarantee you a space in our programs.

Personal Information

We require at least one parent/guardian to attend playdate sessions. Please provide us with the full name(s) of the parent/guardian who will be attending the playdate with your child.

First Name *

Last name *

Phone Number *

Email *

Address *

Additional parent/guardian:

Child's Name *

Date of Birth *

Gender *



Height *

Weight *

Sibling name(s), date of birth, and gender *

Please provide us with the name(s) and date of birth of all of your child's siblings. *Please bear in mind we encourage siblings to attend playdates.*

Do any of the members of your family who will be attending the playdate have any medical conditions/allergies that we need to be aware of? *

Please be detailed and specific. We need to know of any allergies/medication in case of an emergency.

Information about your child

In this section we will ask you a series of questions about your child. Please be as detailed as possible in your answers. This information will help us tailor our playdates to your child in order for them to get as much out of them as possible.

Does your child have a neuropsychiatric or other diagnosis? *

e.g. Autism, anxiety, depression, ADHD, PTSD

What is your child's developmental age?

How does your child communicate? *

(verbal, non-verbal, augmentative communication device, etc.)



On a scale from 1-5 (1 being not at all and 5 being always), how effectively does your child communicate his/her needs? *

Would you describe your child as particularly high or low in energy? *

Please describe in detail their level and type of moment (e.g. running, bouncing, spinning). Do you feel they get to move enough during an average day?

Does your child have any aggressive or violent behaviors, toward self or others? *

Please be honest - aggressive behaviors will not prevent your family from being able to attend a playdate. We need to know in advance so that we can provide appropriate support.

Therapies

Has your child been evaluated for a neuropsychiatric condition?

e.g. Autism, depression, anxiety, ADHD, PTSD

Is your child currently receiving any therapies? *

e.g. physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech language therapy, ABA

Has your child received any other forms of therapy at any point in his/her life?



Education

Once we have established a relationship with the child and the rest of your family, we are able to work on education goals. Please attach copy of your child's IEP or 504 plan, if applicable.

What kind of school is your child currently enrolled in? *
(homeschool, mainstream, special needs school etc.)

What grade is your child in? *

Is your child learning age/grade appropriate material? *

What does your child seem to enjoy most at school? Does s/he have a favorite subject?

What does your child seem to enjoy least at school? What subjects/topics does s/he struggle with the most?

On a scale from 1-5 (1 being extremely dissatisfied and 5 being extremely satisfied), how happy are you with your child's education? If you are not satisfied, why not? *



Interests/Passions

Please tell us about your child's favorite items, characters, movies, songs, colors, etc. We incorporate these favorite things into our sessions.

Please check which (if any) of the following your child likes to play with/do *

- Water
- Climbing
- Balls
- Bouncing
- Swinging
- Animals
- Trucks/Cars
- Trains
- Cartoon/Disney Characters
- Rocks/Sticks
- None of the above

If you selected none of the above or one of your child's interests was not listed, please use this space to describe their interests. Include favorite toys and activities. Please provide as much detail as possible. The more we know the more we can customize your playdate.

Does your child stim? Do they rock, tap, spin, repeat words or phrases etc? Please provide as much detail as possible e.g. which words they repeat *

On a scale from 1-5 (1 being never and 5 being always), how often does your child stim? *



Does your child have any fears or sensitivities? *

What situations or environments are stressful for your child? What situations or environments does your child thrive in?

On a scale from 1-5 (1 being never and 5 being always), how often does your child experience fear or anxiety? *

Horse Experience

Has your child ridden before? If so, what was his/her reaction to the horse? *

Has your child ever participated in a therapeutic riding program, hippotherapy, or equine/animal assisted therapy? *

Does your child like the outdoors?



Information About Your Expectations

How did you hear about Smiling Goat Ranch or Horse Boy? *

Why do you think Smiling Goat Ranch is right for you and your child? *

Do you have any expectations about attending Smiling Goat Ranch?

What are your goals for your child in attending Smiling Goat Ranch?



Scholarship Application and Demographics

If your playdate application is approved, you will receive twelve weekly sessions at which point you will need to submit a renewal form. Please note that if you miss two or more sessions without prior arrangement, we will discontinue your sessions. For more information please see our liability form.

Smiling Goat Ranch exists to provide time in nature with horses and other animals to low income families free of charge. For that reason we do not charge any families for our playdates.

We do, however, gratefully accept donations if you can afford them. We have several levels of suggested donation which are dependent on your household income listed below:

Less than \$25,000	\$25,000 - \$50,000	\$50 per month
\$50,000 - \$100,000		\$100 per month
\$100,000+		\$200 per month

You can set up a one-time or monthly donation [online](#).

Family size *

Do you rent or own your home? *

Own

Rent

Section 8

Other:

What county do you live in? *

Combined Household Income Bracket (annually) *

Less than \$25,000

\$25,000 - \$50,000

\$50,000 - \$75,000

\$75,000 - \$100,000

\$100,000 - \$150,000

\$150,000 +



In order to fulfill requirements for grants and to better serve our community, we collect certain demographic information. The following demographic questions are optional and any answers will be kept confidential. Thank you in advance.

Occupation of all household members over the age of 18

Education level of all household members over the age of 18

Marital and family status

Married

Separated/Divorced

Single parent

Other:

Ethnicity

Caucasian

Hispanic

Black American

Native American

Alaska Native

Asian American

Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

Other:

Language(s) spoken at home



Do any of the following apply to your family? Check all that apply.

Immigrant/migrant worker

Undocumented immigrants

Living in poverty

Individuals experiencing homelessness

Adults experiencing violence

Individuals experiencing substance abuse

Individuals experiencing mental illness

Homebound caretakers

Black/Indigenous/People of Color

LGBTQ+ individuals



Checklist

Before submitting this form please read the following information and check each box once you have done so. This is important information and we want to ensure that you have read and understood it fully before attending a playdate.

Please Initial to indicate you are aware and accept the rules below:

WARNING - Under Colorado Law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to section 13-21-119, Colorado Revised Statutes.*

_____ Initial

Parents or guardians are at all times responsible for all their children. If you do not watch your children at all times we will have to ask you to leave. *

_____ Initial

You, your child and any other person you bring are required to wear proper footwear around the horses at all times. Closed toed shoes are mandatory. Exceptions can be made if your child has sensory sensitivities upon completion of an additional liability form.*

_____ Initial

Helmets will be provided but it is your responsibility to ensure that they are worn at all times on the horse. Exceptions can be made if your child has sensory sensitivities upon completion of an additional waiver.*

_____ Initial

Playdates are by confirmed appointment only. Please do not show up without an appointment. If you do arrive and there is nobody there please leave immediately. This is a working farm we might have dangerous tools, equipment and horses that are not child safe around the house when we are not expecting children.*

_____ Initial

Please give at least 48 hours notice of a cancellation. If you cancel more than two times, we reserve the right to cancel your scholarship and offer it to another family.*

_____ Initial

We reserve the right to cancel a playdate, however to the best of our ability, will give at least 24 hours notice.*

_____ Initial

No pets please unless previously authorized by Horse Boy Staff. All pets will have to undergo an evaluation before being brought to a playdate.*

_____ Initial



Smiling Goat Ranch is a 501c that has helped hundreds of children and adults. From day one we made a vow never to let fees hinder healing; therefore, all of our program needs — including animal feed and care, supplies, and handlers — come from donations and grants. With a \$120,000 annual budget, we are incredibly grateful to those who are in a position to join us with their support. To learn more please visit smilinggoatranch.com and click Get Involved.

Thank you in advance for helping us to continue our growing mission!