



DANA HALL COMMUNITY SERVICE AT THE BiNA FARM

WHY VOLUNTEER WITH THE BiNA FARM: By volunteering at The BiNA Farm, not only will you fulfill your community service, you will leave with a rewarding experience while helping to change the lives of the many children with special needs who participate in our therapy and recreational programs. Whether you are passionate about horses, music, art, gardening or rock climbing there is something for everyone to be involved with at The BiNA Farm.

EQUINE ASSISTED ACTIVITIES AND THERAPY PROGRAMS: Volunteers assist by leading or side walking horses during classes. They groom and saddle horses before a ride, and turn them out afterwards. They greet riders, parents and caregivers. These programs take place on the Dana Hall campus.

LIFE SKILLS PROGRAMS: Volunteers help with Horsemanship which is an unmounted program and Sustainable Living programs which include organic gardening and teaching about living green. These programs often include the siblings or friends of other children in our program as part of our inclusion mission. These programs take place on the Dana Hall Campus.

CREATIVE AND COMPLEMENTARY THERAPY PROGRAMS: Volunteers assist with our very popular rock climbing program or the music and art therapy classes. Many of these programs are inclusive as well. These programs take place on the Dana Hall Campus

PUBLIC RELATIONS & COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Volunteers work in our Natick office and assist with all aspects of community outreach. This can include helping with the creation of printed materials, taking photos, making phone calls, mailings, soliciting auction items for fundraisers, data entry and helping to spread the word in the community about our mission.

COMMITMENT: Program Volunteers should be willing to commit to a specified, consistent period of time each week so they can establish a bond with a particular child in our program.

HOW DO I BECOME A VOLUNTEER: Fill out the registration form and submit it to Sarah Summers. Once we receive it, our volunteer coordinator will contact you to set up your first day for your community service. For more information visit our website at www.binafarm.org or email info@binafarm.org or call 508-651-2426 (BiNA)



The BiNA Farm, Inc. Volunteer Program

Thank you for your interest in Volunteering at The BiNA Farm, Inc. Our volunteers provide tremendous support to our programs and your efforts are truly appreciated!

MISSION STATEMENT

The BiNA Farm is committed to providing a comprehensive therapeutic environment utilizing Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies, a Life Skills Program and Creative and Complementary Therapy Programs. We bring together those with and without special needs by offering a variety of inclusive enrichment programs that will ultimately help them to thrive personally and to make their best contribution to society.

ABOUT US

The BiNA Farm program consists of three components: Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies, Life Skills Programs and Creative and Complementary Therapies. Our programs do not focus on our clients' limitations but rather on what they can achieve. Our services are open to any person with a disability who could benefit from these special forms of therapy. These therapies do not replace other forms of treatment, but rather augment them and help our clients to reach their full potential. In fact, our instructors and therapists may work closely with the clients' physicians to create the best treatment plan.

The BiNA Farm is committed to the following goals:

- Providing a nurturing therapeutic environment that focuses on the unique challenges of each client.
- Creating an atmosphere that transcends the usual rehabilitative model.
- Bringing together those with and without special needs through a variety of enrichment programs for siblings, parents, caregivers and friends.
- Providing both short and long term support for our clients and their families.
- Treat all clients, their families, friends, staff and animals with respect, dignity, kindness and compassion.



Dana Hall Community Service at The BiNA Farm, Inc. Volunteer Registration & Release Form

Please Print Clearly

NAME _____ DOB _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL _____

EMAIL _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____ PHONE _____
(FOR VOLUNTEERS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE)

DO YOU HAVE PREVIOUS EXPERIENCES WITH HORSES: YES _____ NO _____ # OF YEARS _____

PLEASE READ EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BEFORE SIGNING:

PHOTO RELEASE: **I Consent** to and authorize **I do not** consent to nor do I authorize the use & reproduction by The BiNA Farm, Inc. of any & all photographs & any other audiovisual materials taken of me for promotional printed material, educational activities, exhibitions or any other use for the benefit of the program. Initial

LIABILITY RELEASE: I acknowledge the risks and potential for risks of horseback riding and working with horses, including grievous bodily harm. However, I feel that the possible benefits to myself are greater than the risks assumed. I hereby, intending to be legally bound for myself, my heirs and assigns, executors or administrators, waive and release forever all claims for damages against The BiNA Farm, Inc. and Dana Hall School, The BiNA Farm and Dana Hall Board of directors and officers, Instructors, Therapists, Aides, Volunteers, Faculty and/or Employees for any and all injuries and/or losses I may sustain while participating as a The BiNA Farm volunteer from whatever cause, including but not limited to the negligence of these related parties. This includes any other program activities I volunteer for (Rock Climbing, music, art, dance, gardening, etc.) The undersigned acknowledges that he/she has read this Volunteer Application in its entirety; that he/she understands the terms of this release and has signed this release voluntarily and with full knowledge of the effects thereof. Initial

Date: _____ Signature _____
If volunteer is under 18 years of age, both parent and volunteer signatures are required.

Date: _____ Student's Signature _____

CONFIDENTIALITY POLICY:

At The BiNA Farm, we place great importance on protecting the confidential information of our clients, our staff and our volunteers. "Confidential Information" includes, but is not limited to, personally identifiable information such as surnames, telephone numbers, addresses, e-mails, etc., as well as the non-public business records of The BiNA Farm. In particular, medical information about clients, and information about their disabilities or special needs, must be protected as Confidential Information. Volunteers shall never disclose confidential information to anyone other than The BiNA Farm staff. Volunteers must seek staff permission before taking any pictures or videos. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE BINA FARM CONFIDENTIALITY POLICY AND AGREE TO ABIDBE BY SAME.

Date: _____ Signature _____

Date: _____ Student's Signature _____
If volunteer is under 18 years of age, both parent and volunteer signatures are required.



**Dana Hall School Riding Center
Student Waiver and Information Sheet**

Student's Name: _____ Student's Grade: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ Zip: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Telephone # (Home): _____ Telephone # (Cell): _____

Parent's Email: _____

Emergency Information

Additional Emergency Telephone #: _____

Health Insurance Policy #: _____

Policy Holder's Name and/or Company Name: _____

Doctor's Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

Allergy/Health Information: _____

I understand that correctly fitting, safety-approved helmets are required for all riders. Minors must wear ASTM approved helmets. _____ (please initial here)

Every precaution will be taken to provide a safe riding experience, but Dana Hall School Riding Center (DHSRC) cannot be responsible should an accident occur.

I understand and agree that DHSRC and all its employees will not be responsible for any accident that may occur. I hereby release Dana Hall and its employees from all claims, actions, judgments, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses relating to use of DHSRC, and I further agree to hold DHSRC and all its employees harmless and indemnify them against any legal proceedings, claims, actions, judgments, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses relating to any such accident or loss.

Massachusetts Chapter 128 Section 20

Under Massachusetts 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 Sec. 20 of Chapter 128 of the general laws.

I have read all of the above, agree to, and understand its contents.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____