**BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS EQUINE EMERGENCY PLAN**

Bear Valley Springs Equestrian Center has formulated an Equine Emergency Plan (EEP) which will utilize a communication phone tree and/or other forms of electronic communication such as emails, texts and Facebook, in order to disseminate accurate information to large animal owners in the event of a disaster or emergency threatening our community. If possible, on an ongoing basis, information and updates regarding any changes in the status of local conditions will also be disseminated as quickly as possible.

One of the main purposes of the EEP is to emphasize to large animal owners their responsibilities in emergencies. Each person needs to have formulated their own emergency plan in advance, so that they are prepared to either evacuate early or shelter in place during and/or after an emergency. Often, in emergencies, rumors and erroneous information abound. The EEP communication system hopes to minimize confusion.

The information relayed via the EEP communication tree will be provided by the authorities in charge (Emergency Operations Center, Police Department, Sherriff’s Department, Fire Department, Kern County Animal Control, etc). For the purposes of the EEP, BVS has been split into several sections. Block Captains and Assistants have been assigned to these sections. When appropriate or requested to do so by relevant authorities, the Equestrian Center Management will initiate the communication tree to disseminate important information to the Block Captains and their Assistants who will, in turn, do their best to contact all the residents who have signed up for the EEP to apprise them of the current situation.

It is the intention that as many large animals owners as possible be contacted when faced with emergency conditions or a potential disaster in BVS such as a wildfire. It is hoped that all large animal owners will sign up for the EEP so that they will receive information in a timely manner to enable them to make good, informed decisions regarding their animals in the case of an emergency.

**BVS Equestrian Center is NOT offering emergency trailering for large animals should evacuation become necessary. Equestrian Center Management will do their best to supply up to date, accurate information in the event of an emergency. It is then up to each person to make their own decisions how to best care for and/or protect their animals, for example whether to evacuate early or shelter in place.**

It is also important to point out that in an emergency most communication systems may be inoperable, with the exception of radio communication. This is one of the reasons why the EEP places such emphasis on residents being self-reliant which includes being ready to evacuate early or shelter in place. The more informed and prepared residents are, the less drain on the limited resources of first responders and other authorities will be.

**Be prepared and make a plan**!

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Participation in the Bear Valley Springs Equine Emergency Plan is entirely voluntary. In order to sign up for the EEP, you must provide the information requested below, then sign and date the form prior to the Equestrian Center Management adding your name and contact information to the EEP communication tree. If you do not complete, sign and return this form in advance you will NOT be automatically notified in case of an emergency.

Participants need only sign up for the EEP once, unless their contact information changes.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND LEGIBLY:

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Cell phone #(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Work phone #(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I understand and consent for Bear Valley Springs Equestrian Center to print and distribute my contact information to members of the Equine Emergency Plan such as, but not limited to, Equestrian Center Staff, Block Captains, and Block Captain Assistants, for the sole purpose of providing emergency information.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Return this completed, signed form to the Equestrian Center Management**.

For further information, or if you have any questions, please contact the Equestrian Center Management.