



Dear Families,

Hippotherapy offers many unique therapeutic benefits and we hope your child enjoys his/her sessions and his/her new equine partner! This therapy is also unique because our “equipment” (the four-legged type) requires ongoing upkeep. For this reason, the facility assesses a fee for the maintenance of the horses. This is not a therapy fee.

The barn fee is \$100/month and is paid on the first week of each month. Checks are made payable to BEATS, Inc. The barn fee can also be paid on line at www.beats-inc.org however there is a 3% processing fee for this method. If you choose to have the barn fee paid directly from your bank on a monthly basis, please have it sent to 1704 Winston Ct, Woodstock GA 30189. Payments not received by the 14th of each month will incur a \$15 late fee.

To account for unavoidable absences, you are not required to pay the barn fee every sixth month. Additionally, if a month has five weeks in it, you do not pay more. Your therapist is able to cancel four times in a calendar year with no alteration in the barn fee. If your therapist cancels more than four times and no suitable make-up can be scheduled, the barn fee will be adjusted the following month. Similarly, if BEATS or the barn cancels a session that cannot be made up, the barn fee will be adjusted accordingly the following month. If weather is a concern, your child will be offered to do a minimum on-horse session and complete the remainder of the session in the lounge or tack room. If you choose to cancel it will be considered one of the child’s allowed absences.

If a child has a severe illness or surgery and will miss three or more weeks out of the month, the therapist can agree to hold that slot for the child for that month, but the barn fee would resume upon return and would be paid for another 5 months before a free month is earned again. Absence longer than 1 month would be at the discretion of the therapist and the slot may be filled. If the child’s condition results in absence of a month or longer more than one time in a 12-month cycle then his/her slot may be revoked.

BEATS, Inc is a 501c3 non-profit. If you choose to pay the barn fee on your month “off” it is considered a donation eligible for a tax write-off and a receipt can be given. You may also consider finding an organization/church/company to pay the fee for your child on any month(s) and a receipt will be sent to the sponsoring organization. Receipts for medical expense accounts are also available upon request. Scholarships (full and partial) will continue to be offered as funds allow. Any scholarship assistance will require service to BEATS through helping with chores around the barn, sidewalking, or fundraising events. All new and current scholarships will be reviewed periodically by the Board of Directors.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at bethany@beats-inc.org. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Bethany Nugent, executive director

I have received and read the above document _____

Parent/Guardian of: _____

Date: _____