

**CUSTER STATE PARK BUFFALO ROUNDUP  
HORSEBACK RIDER APPLICATION FORM**

**September 27 & 28, 2018**

**Please print or type:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: CELL: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have ridden in the roundup in the past 3 years you do not qualify until the fourth year.**

Please complete the following information:

Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_

Average number of days of riding per year: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of riding done: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any livestock handling experience? \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of years of riding experience: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOU MUST PROVIDE YOUR OWN HORSE.**

**IF DRAWN** your role in the roundup will be to assist Core riders in gathering and moving the herd several miles. You will be expected to follow the strict instructions of your team leader and other core team members. The terrain that you will encounter will vary from very rocky, steep timbered slopes, possibly up to 50 degrees, to flat prairie. Stream crossings may be encountered. Jumping fallen trees may be necessary. In years past there have been several horses that have not been able to complete the ride due to exhaustion. Therefore, it is important that you have your mount in excellent physical condition. **THIS IS NOT A TRAIL RIDE!** Horses should be shod. **Tack shall include a breast collar.** A flank cinch and crupper are strongly recommended. Riders should also be in good physical condition. Questions about the ride can be directed to our Herd Manager, Chad Kremer.

**Items Required to participate:**

- **EVERYONE must have a current health certificate for their horse in order to participate in the roundup.**
- **Attend briefing and orientation Thursday September 28<sup>th</sup>, which starts at 1:00 pm at the bison corrals.**
- **Breast collar required**
- **Horse up to date on all vaccinations**

Horse needs to be up to date on all health vaccinations. Please check with your local veterinarian for requirements! Our veterinarian recommends that your horse have a minimum of 5-way, West Nile, and Rabies vaccinations. We will be checking them before we will allow you to ride on Thursday and Friday. We have made these recommendations to protect everyone's horses from disease. We appreciate everyone's cooperation.

**What to Expect:**

The roundup activity will begin at 1:00 pm, Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at the buffalo corrals. The corrals are located in the southeast corner of Custer State Park along the Wildlife Loop Road. We will organize teams at the corrals, have a safety briefing, and then proceed with an orientation ride in preparation for Friday morning's event. It is required that you attend this orientation to introduce your horse to the buffalo, see the lay of the land and learn your duties for Friday's event. The official roundup ride takes place on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. You will need to be at the buffalo corrals along the Wildlife Loop Road, ready for a briefing in front of the corral office at 8:00am.

Due to the growing level of interest in participating in the roundup, successful applicants are not eligible to re-apply for one of the designated public at-large rider spots for three (3) years. This means you will be eligible to apply again in 2022.

This application is for field orientation on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, and roundup participation Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. ***Riders must attend both days.*** To insure a safe event, riders and horses are required to attend the Thursday orientation ride. Please understand you will be an active part of a team that will be riding hard to assist in gathering the buffalo herd into the corrals. **This is not a trail ride!**

***I hereby verify that the information contained in this application accurately reflects my horseback riding experience and that if drawn to participate in the roundup I will sign a waiver of liability form provided by the State of South Dakota.***

SUBMITTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older.

Application must be received no later than June 7, 2018.

Successful applicants will be notified by June 18, 2018.

- **MAIL TO: CUSTER STATE PARK, ATTN: ROUNDUP DRAW, 13329 US HIGHWAY 16A, CUSTER, SD 57730.**