Greetings Parents,

On the weekend of March 20th-22nd, 2015, the Residence Hall Association at East Carolina University will be hosting a rodeo themed Siblings Weekend 2015. This event will be a great time for your college student (the cowpokes) to bring his/her younger sibling (the buckaroo) to campus and give the buckaroo a glimpse of what it can be like to be an ECU Pirate and experience campus living. During this weekend, we will be hosting multiple events providing fun and games as well as tours of the campus to show for our cowpokes to begin training their buckaroo in becoming a Pirate!

Please have your hero and his/her sidekick check-in at the Mendenhall Student Center on Friday March 20th at Mendenhall Student Center. Here, the cowpokes will bring their buckaroo to sign in with our support staff, ensure payment, and receive their identifying name badges and wristbands, t-shirt, information packet, and meal cards for the weekend. Each of the meal cards will contain four meal swipes (Dinner on 3/20, Brunch on 3/21, Dinner on 3/21, and Brunch on 3/22). Meals will be available at West End and Todd Dining Halls during the course of the weekend. After dinner, the cowpokes and buckaroo will return to the lower level of Mendenhall Student Center for Rodeo Siblings Shenanigans, where cowpokes and buckaroos will enjoy free billiards, table tennis, arcade games, and bowling. We will also be showing the movie “Big Hero 6” that evening.

Saturday will be the “busiest” day of the weekend. The Residence Hall Association has events lined up and available for the cowpokes and buckaroos throughout the day. In the morning there will be brunch available at either dining hall. After, we will provide a campus tour to truly personalize the experience at ECU. Following the tour, we will have a corn hole tournament and head to the baseball game to cheer on the Pirates in their game against Virginia Commonwealth University. Dinner will be a themed “rodeo” meal at West End Dining Hall. After dinner, the RHA Rodeo will be at the Student Recreation Center. This event includes inflatables and games, as well as sport activities such as basketball and volleyball and even a rock climbing wall.

The weekend will conclude with Brunch, available on Sunday, at either dining hall. We will also have checkout stations set up at each dining hall where buckaroo’s can turn in their used meal cards. Please pick up your child between 10am-12pm from either of the dining halls, Todd Dining or West End Dining.
Siblings Weekend 2015 is sure to be a great experience for all. In order to better ensure that your younger child has a campus experience that you are comfortable with we are encouraging you to have a serious and straight forward conversation with your ECU student about your expectations for his/her hosting his/her younger sibling. Please be aware that by signing the consent forms and allowing your younger child to stay with your college student for the weekend, you are agreeing that your ECU student will serve as the host of his/her younger sibling and that your student will serve as a reasonable and responsible guardian during this campus visit. Your ECU student is responsible for his/her sibling’s safety and well-being throughout the weekend. We expect each ECU student host to escort his/her sibling at all times during their stay at East Carolina University from their arrival on March 20th, 2015 to their departure on March 22nd, 2015, to attend events with them over the course of the weekend and to behave in an appropriate manner during all the activities of Siblings Weekend 2015.

I, __________________________, [Parent Name] in consideration of East Carolina University and Campus Living, allowing my son/daughter to participate in the RHA Siblings Weekend 2015 (March 20th-22nd). I acknowledge that I am entrusting ___________________ [ECU Student] with responsibility for ________________ [sibling]. I release East Carolina University from all liability for damage and injuries which my may be sustained as a result of their attendance at RHA Siblings Weekend, March 20th-22nd. I specifically assume all risks associated with my son/daughter’s participation in RHA Siblings Weekend activities, including sporting activities and other events, such as personal injury, including but not limited to cuts, scrapes, broken bones, paralysis and death.

Finally, I understand and appreciate the inherent risks and dangers of my child participating in RHA Siblings Weekend, which could result in property damage and/or personal injury, including death; and I agree to accept and assume all risks whether present or future, known or unknown, arising from or as a result of my child’s participation. I WILL HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY and its officials, administrators, employees and all sponsors and individuals assisting in RHA Siblings Weekend for any liability and all claims of damages, demands, and actions whatsoever in any manner resulting from my child’s participation.