

Volunteer Job Requirements



Sidewalker

- Attended orientation
- Able-bodied
- Focused on the rider's safety and success

Equipment Person

- Attended orientation
- Able to assist instructor with carrying toys and moving obstacles

Groomer

- Approved Sidewalker
- Able to demonstrate how to safely work around a horse
- Able to safely brush horse and pick out feet as instructed

Tacker

- Passed Groomer Training
- Able to demonstrate knowledge of English and Western tack and placement on horses
- Can lift up to 15 pounds over head

Level 1 Leader

- Passed Groomer and Tacker trainings
- Able to correctly halter and tie horse
- Able to demonstrate beginner horse sense:
 - Attentive to cues from horse
 - Able to gently, yet confidently, handle horse
- ★ May lead during sessions- to and from barn and in arenas only
- ★ May lead horses to be mounted at mounting blocks only

Level 2 Leader

- Passed Groomer, Tacker, and Level 1 Leader trainings
- Able to demonstrate advanced horse sense:
 - Attentive to cues from horse
 - Able to gently, yet confidently, handle horse
 - Able to identify inappropriate behavior from horse and gently correct
- ★ May lead during sessions anywhere on the property
- ★ May lead horses to be mounted at mounting blocks and at ramp

Barn Leader

- Passed Groomer, Tacker, Level 1 and Level 2 Leader trainings
- Able to manage horses and other volunteers
- Able to assist volunteers, students, and parents wherever necessary
- Able to manage the preparation of multiple horses for lessons
- Willing to step in to cover any position necessary

Schooling Team

- Passed Groomer, Tacker, Level 1 and Level 2 Leader trainings
- Able to keep a centered seat at a walk, trot and canter
- Able to demonstrate posting trot with correct diagonal and diagonal changes
- Able to demonstrate quiet hands at any gait
- Able to mount and dismount without assistance
- Able to pass riding exam, supervised by 2 certified instructors

- ★ *Advancement will be determined by Special Equestrians Instructors after each training*