



Internship – Equine Education

Supervisor: Amanda Reardon, Equine Education Supervisor
Status: College Credit Internship

About the Kentucky Horse Park:

The Kentucky Horse Park (KHP) is a working horse farm, equine competition facility and an educational theme park. The Commonwealth of Kentucky acquired the property in 1972 for \$2.7 million and opened in 1978 as the world's only park dedicated to celebrating man's relationship with the horse. Over 800,000 visitors from all over the world come to the park annually. Visitors get to meet over 40 different breeds of horses on 1,200 acres of majestic bluegrass land, ride on a horse drawn trolley tours and attend shows at the Hall of Champions, Breeds Barn and Kids' Barns. Visitors can wind through the International Museum of the Horse and even watch a demonstration at the Farrier Shop.

Positions Overview & Responsibilities:

The intern will assist with any/all of the Equine Education programs, including the Kids' Barn, Youth Riding Camps, and the Mustang Troop. The Kids' Barn is an interactive facility with daily education opportunities and fun activities. Visitors have the opportunity to help groom horses, participate in scavenger hunts, meet horses and enjoy engaging "Horse 101" activities. The Youth Riding Camp (June) is for youth riders can come out to spend an educational day at the parking learning to ride and enhance their horsemanship skills. The Mustang Troop (July) is a unique program that is geared to helping young people, in mostly at-risk situations, to find guidance and learn discipline that will help them grow into productive and responsible adults. The program is based on collaborating inner-city youth with horses, and teaching them how to interact, care for and ride.

- Catch, groom, bathe, tack, turn out horses, and clean/set-up stalls.
- Assist with general horse/barn maintenance and care.
- Provide positive encouragement and mentorship.
- Respect confidential information, but report all incidents and concerns to the staff.
- Assist with Kids' Barn activities such as the Groom and Shine and meet and greets.
- Act as a camp counselor during the Youth Rising Camps and Mustang Troop.
- Other duties as assigned.

Requirements:

- Major in Psychology, Education, Equine, Child Care, Social Work or similar field.
- Must be enrolled as a student of a college or university, with a GPA of 2.5 or above.
- Complete State of Kentucky Co-Op/Intern Application and Academic Credit Agreement.
- Complete KHP Internship Application and Waiver at kyhorsepark.com
- Attend an interview, orientation and tour.
- Must complete 160 hours over an 8 week period.
- Record all internship hours using VicNet database.
- Volunteer for a minimum of 3 KHP special events.
- Complete a midterm and final survey and evaluation.
- Weekly meetings with KHP Internship Manager.
- Must be able to lift 45lbs above shoulders and physically able to walk several miles daily.

For questions, contact
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