



## **Internship – Breeds Barn**

**Supervisor:** Shelli Wright, Breeds Barn Manager  
**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 Breeds Barn hosts over 40 different breeds of horses throughout the season. In this barn, interns will be working with these horses on a daily basis. The Breeds Barn produces two live shows a day, demonstrating each breed's distinct history, purpose, gate and tack. Each breed has a specific routine for the shows, demonstrating their specific discipline and gate. The horses and riders are dressed to fit the description of their heritage.

- Serve as a source of information for all of the horse breeds, activities and programs of the park.
- Catch, bring in, groom, bathe, tack and turn out horses.
- Assist with show preparation by setting out tack, costumes and grooming.
- Assist with live show by helping riders mount, adjust costumes and crowd control.
- Answer questions and encourage guests to meet the horses after the live show.
- Other duties as assigned.

### **Requirements:**

- 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](http://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 have moderate equine skills and knowledge.
- Must be able to lift 45lbs above shoulders and physically able to walk several miles daily.

For questions, contact:

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