

Adult Helper – Wrangler Job Description

Classification: Volunteer

Reports to: Horsemanship Director



Position Purpose:

To assist the Horsemanship Director in the care of the horses, stables, and riding programs at camp to maintain high-quality equestrian experiences for campers and guests consistent with the mission and established policies and procedures of CedarS Camps.

Qualifications:

Willingness to work as a member of the corral team while supporting CedarS' mission. A desire to work in a Christian Science environment and to be a Christian example at all times. A love for horses.

Essential Job Functions:

1. Appreciate working in a Christian Science atmosphere
 - o Model excellent behavior: be a good example at all times.
 - o Let your light shine!
 - o Follow the Golden Rule.
 - o Keep the mental environment unpolluted! Conversation should be uplifting, supportive, and tasteful.
2. Assist with caring for the CedarS' 70+ horses
 - o Apply practical and metaphysical support.
 - o Support in the feeding, mucking, grooming, and training of horses.
3. Assist horsemanship and riding lessons
 - o Support the corral program directors in teaching effective riding and horsemanship lessons.
 - o Share your love for the horses with the campers and guests.
4. Follow proper safety procedures provided by Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA), American Camp Association (ACA), and other regulations and procedures put in place by CedarS Camps

Other Job Duties:

Become a certified "mule" and light truck driver by completing the online video and quiz (**before arriving at camp**), and a behind the wheel test to demonstrate ability to navigate safely. Bring a valid current drivers license. See www.cedarscamps.org/staff/drive for details.

Relationships:

Wranglers work together throughout the day. The wrangler adult helpers usually eat and spend evenings with wrangler staff and other adults working at camp. The expectation is that all those relationships will be harmonious and communication will be respectful.

What to Wear

Clothing that can get dirty. Jeans or sturdy long pants, shirts with sleeves, boots or tied shoes with socks need to be worn when riding. Shorts may be worn for horse chores. When riding, long hair will need to be pulled back and helmets must be worn.

Equipment Used:

Saddles, bridles, halters, and other tack. Brushes, curry combs, hoof picks, sweat scrapes, hoses, manure forks, wheelbarrows.

Physical Aspects of the Job:

- Ability, both visual and auditory, to identify safety hazards and follow appropriate safety regulations and emergency procedures.
- Ability to walk, stand, bend, and stretch.
- Ability to lift, up to approximately 50 pounds, and occasional lifting of equipment weighing up to approximately 75 pounds may be desired.
- Operate with daily exposure to sun, heat, and other environmental conditions.

Typical daily schedule:

Before breakfast	Morning feeding and tacking (usually starting sometime between 6:00am and 6:45am)
8:00am	Breakfast
8:45am	Practitioner Talk
9:00am	Bible Lesson Study
9:20am-12:00pm	Assisting at the corral with lessons or chores
12:00pm	Water horses and prepare for lunch
12:15pm	Lunch
1:30pm-4:45pm	Assisting at the corral with lessons or chores <i>(usually with an hour break sometime in the afternoon depending on the needs of the corral and the wrangler)</i>
3:15pm-5:30pm	Teach activities
5:00pm	Untacking, sweat scraping/baths, night chores, and shut down corrals
6:15pm	Dinner
After dinner	Free time to enjoy evening activities, rest, or prepare for tomorrow's activities

Adult helpers will periodically have to help with dish cleanup after meals