

Brook Hill Farm Volunteer Information Handout



Mission

Brook Hill Farm, a non-profit horse rescue organization, exists to provide rehabilitation focused services and safe haven for unwanted horses, as well as offers a therapeutic riding program for personal growth and equine education for the community.

General Information

1. Volunteers are the lifeblood of the organization. They support and aid in the mission of Brook Hill Farm.
2. Due to the large number of volunteers wanting to participate, we can only guarantee one day a month for individuals to volunteer once the application is reviewed
3. The minimum age for a volunteer is 16.
4. Volunteers are screened and assigned duties based on their abilities
5. Volunteers DO NOT RIDE
6. Volunteer Opportunity Options:
 - **Facility and Office Volunteers:** These opportunities involve aiding in property maintenance, and in aiding the office staff with recordkeeping. They may involve painting, fence repair, fence clearing, working with Microsoft Office products and filing etc.... These opportunities involve special scheduled days and times.
 - **Youth and Program Volunteers:** These volunteers work directly with the PATH certified instructor providing assistance in our United Neigh Youth Program or the Rockin' Riders Therapeutic Riding Program. An additional training is required for those wishing to serve as leaders and sidewalkers. They also may serve as tutors.
 - **Fundraising Volunteers:** Working with the event chairperson, these volunteers aid our staff and help plan our exciting special events. These events make an impact, drawing the community's attention and support of Brook Hill Farm. Other opportunities may include thank-you calls, help with mail drives, and participating with outside fundraising activities.
 - **Horse Rehabilitation Volunteers:** Volunteer opportunities in this area are limited to those that are skilled and trained to work with these large animals. At our training program the 3rd Sunday of the month, you will be introduced to this program. Your skill level will be evaluated and you will be placed accordingly. Participation is limited based on safety, capacity, and skill.
7. Volunteers may be put on waiting list
8. Volunteers may be asked to leave if the rules and values of Brook Hill Farm are not followed.
9. A volunteer orientation is held each month. You may call the farm at 540-586-0207 to find out more information or email secretary@brookhillfarm.org

Values

- 1) Brook Hill Farm exists to carry out and inspire the love, care and responsible stewardship of horses in and by young people, staff, volunteers and foster homes.
- 2) Brook Hill Farm's organization, systems and practices will afford participants an experience that can instill life-changing skills and values based upon personal responsibility, discipline and commitment within a strong culture of mutual respect.
- 3) Brook Hill Farm does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital, or family status.