

Volunteer w/ Horses/Special Needs People

Volunteers Needed immediately. Work with Horses and People with disabilities or special needs. (See contact info below)

Exception Equestrians Unlimited, (EEU) located in Hobart, Indiana, provides educational therapeutic riding instruction to people of all ages living with disabilities or special needs.

Mission Statement: The mission of Exceptional Equestrians Unlimited is to provide educational and therapeutic horseback riding activities to the handicapped for an improved quality of life utilizing professional instructors and trained volunteers in a safe and secure environment.

Exceptional Equestrians Unlimited (EEU) has proudly provided therapeutic horseback riding lessons to residents of Northern Indiana, Southwest Michigan and the Chicagoland communities for the past 28 years! EEU is run by and staffed solely by deeply dedicated and very enthusiastic volunteers.

Being an EEU volunteer is one of the most important positions with the program. There are several different types of volunteers including: Horse Leader, Sidewalker, Barn Care & Grounds Keeper. Currently we have an immediate need for Horse Leaders and Sidewalkers in addition to other positions such as barn care and groundskeeping. Free training.

Horse Leaders Horse leaders preferably have horse experience, since they have to be able to control the horse during lessons. Horse leaders are usually responsible for grooming and tacking up the horse, holding the horse while the rider mounts and leading the horse in lessons.
Sidewalkers Sidewalkers walk beside the horse and rider either using an "over the thigh" hold or just being there in case the rider needs help. A Sidewalker's main job is to make sure the rider is doing what they are told and stays on the horse.

The only requirement is that you possess a desire to work with special needs persons of all ages and have a desire to work with horses. Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older. Volunteers do not need prior experience with horses or helping the disabled.

Volunteers will assist during the afternoon/evening sessions. A session lasts approx. one hour.

You may call the EEU Volunteer Coordinators, Nancy Petruska & Tammy Frasier at 219-945-0726 (leave message) for more information.

Visit the EEU website to learn more about the volunteering opportunities and the EEU program.
<http://www.eeu1.org/Volunteering.htm>

This is an exciting, rewarding opportunity with free training for volunteers.