



FIELDSTONE FARM
Therapeutic Riding Center
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~ MISSION STATEMENT ~
Through a special partnership with horses, Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center (TRC) offers programs designed by professionals to foster personal growth and individual achievement for people with disabilities.

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

Please check your interest:

- Program Volunteers are adults, or students 14 or older seeking community service hours for graduation.** They make a commitment to work in at least one class on the same day/time each week on an ongoing basis. Students who need community service hours also have the option to do general barn/facility maintenance or office work if they prefer. The volunteer agrees to provide two weeks notice should it become necessary to discontinue volunteering. All program volunteers must attend a two-hour Volunteer Training. Alternative volunteer opportunities (see page 4) may be discussed on a case-by-case basis.
- Court-Ordered Community Service Volunteers** Each applicant will be interviewed and placed individually. Placement may include mounted lessons, general barn/facility maintenance, office work or another area. *Community Service volunteers are not guaranteed work directly in the ring or with the students or horses.* Training hours are not included in service hour totals. Must be 14 years of age or older and attend a two-hour Training.

Date _____

Name _____ D.O.B. ___/___/___ Social Security Number (over 18 only) _____ - _____ - _____

Address _____ Apt./Unit _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Ohio County _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____ OK to call at work? **yes no**

E-mail address _____ Cell Phone _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

How did you hear about Fieldstone Farm? _____

Briefly explain your experience with people with disabilities:

Briefly explain your experience with horses:

Indicate the reason you are seeking a volunteer position (check all that apply):

___ Personal fulfillment ___ School requirement ___ Court-ordered community service requirement

Other _____

Most volunteers help 1-3 hours per week. At the end of your training, you will be asked to commit to a class (at least one class per week). Remember, our instructors and students depend on volunteers to run our classes. Are you typically available in the:

Morning/Noon 9:00am - 2:00pm

Afternoon/Evening 2:00pm - 8:00pm

Saturdays

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

All volunteer applicants over the age of 18 are subjected to a criminal background check before they begin their service to Fieldstone Farm TRC. Fieldstone Farm TRC reserves the right to reject applicants who have been convicted of crimes involving violence, alcohol, theft, and any other crime we feel poses a possible risk to our students, staff and/or horses. Likewise, Fieldstone Farm TRC has the right to reject applicants who refuse to cooperate in a criminal records check. All records checks are completed through Volunteer Select, a charitable initiative of Choice Point, Inc. Inquiries include Social Security number verification as well as information from the National Criminal File which includes state criminal records, prison parole and release files and sex offender registries. All information will be kept strictly confidential.

AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT

The undersigned hereby grants to a staff member of Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center (TRC), Inc. the authority to make health care decisions with respect to the volunteer if the undersigned is unavailable to make such decisions. The term "health care" and "health care decisions" as used in this form shall have the meanings set forth in the Ohio Revised Code Sections 1337.11 through 1377.11.

Volunteer Signature _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 18yrs.) _____ Date _____

In case of emergency, contact:

Name	Relationship	Day Phone	Evening Phone

Please list any medical conditions or medications you are currently using that might affect your volunteer duties or that Fieldstone Farm TRC should be aware of in case of an emergency (i.e. bee sting allergies, asthma, back pain, history of seizures, etc.), or any reason why working with children, horses and the public sector may not be appropriate. Please attach additional sheets if necessary.

RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

The Undersigned acknowledges that Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center (TRC) has fully explained to me the risk involved with horseback riding, horse-related activities and/or working around horses. These risks include but are not limited to bodily injury, permanent disability, physical harm to rider, horse and spectator, and even death. I further understand that the horse is a prey animal and regardless of its calm nature and training, the horse will revert to its natural instinct to fight or flee when frightened. These actions may include but are not limited to changing speed or direction at will, shifting its weight, bucking, rearing, kicking, biting, or running from danger.

I further understand that Fieldstone Farm TRC and its representatives are not responsible for acts, occurrences, or elements of nature which include but are not limited to thunder, lightning, rain, snow, wind, and irregular footing which is subject to constant change in condition according to weather, temperature, usage, and natural and man-made changes in landscape.

Therefore, in consideration of the privilege of riding and/or working around horses at Fieldstone Farm TRC located at 16497 Snyder Rd., Chagrin Falls, Ohio, the Undersigned does hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify Fieldstone Farm TRC, its employees, volunteers, board of trustees and students and further release them from any liability or responsibility for accident, damage, injury, or illness to the Undersigned, or to any horse owned by the Undersigned, or to any family member or spectator accompanying the Undersigned on the premises.

I further agree that Fieldstone Farm TRC will make an employee or volunteer manual available to me. I have also received and read a copy of the Equine Liability Law which states:

Equine (Horse) Activity Sponsor, Equine And/Or Property Owner Is Not Liable For Any Damages Suffered During An Equine Activity On These Premises. A Horse Is A Large Animal And May Be Unpredictable And Dangerous At Times. Extreme Caution Should Be Taken In Their Presence. Participants Assume The Inherent Risk of Equine Activities.

_____	_____
Signature	Date
_____	_____
Print Name	Date
_____	_____
Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 18 yrs.)	Date

PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING:

I understand:

- and have signed the attached Release and Hold Harmless Agreement;
- and grant Fieldstone Farm TRC permission to use my likeness, voice and/or words in television, radio, film or in any form to promote activities of Fieldstone Farm TRC. *(Because of the volume of public relations opportunities that exist for Fieldstone Farm TRC, we are unable to offer volunteer opportunities to individuals who refuse consent.)*
- that current Tetanus and Hepatitis B vaccinations are recommended when working around horses and students;
- **that, in order to volunteer at Fieldstone Farm TRC, I am committing to a minimum one class per week, or will participate in the Substitute System, and will give a minimum of two weeks notice when no longer able to volunteer.**

I affirm that I have read the above and that the information I have given is true and complete. I understand that if at any time the information provided is found to be knowingly falsified or inappropriate, I will no longer be allowed to volunteer for Fieldstone Farm TRC.

Volunteer Signature _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 18 yrs.) _____ Date _____

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT FIELDSTONE FARM

Please check all that interest you

PROGRAM/FACILITY VOLUNTEERS

- _____ Riding Lesson Volunteer – Horse handlers lead the horse and sidewalkers assist the student with physical or verbal assistance during the lesson.
NOTE: Lesson volunteers must be able to jog with a horse for a short distance in the ring.
- _____ Barn/Classroom Volunteer – Work with instructor and students in non-mounted activities where students learn horse care (parts of horse, grooming, stall cleaning, etc.), and do arts and crafts. Current programs include group Ground Lessons, Vocational Education and EquiClub.
- _____ Summer Camp volunteer – work in our *Equine Adventure Club* and assist with mounted riding, art and nature activities, barn experience, developing horse skills, guest presenters and more!
- _____ Office Assistance – Answer phones, make copies, assemble mailings, file, and assist with other specific projects as needed.
- _____ Maintenance – Help keep facility running smoothly and looking good by helping with cleaning, weeding, mowing, light carpentry, and ‘fixit’ type jobs.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- _____ Fieldstone Farm has at least one major fundraiser each year. Volunteers are needed to plan and organize prior to the event and for the day of the event.
- _____ Ride-A-Thon – Area horse owners collect pledges and trail ride through the South Chagrin Metroparks. This event is held the first Sunday in October. Volunteers are needed to plan and organize prior to the event and for the day of the event.

Additional opportunities for active volunteers with a minimum of forty volunteer hours who also maintain a one-hour weekly volunteer commitment to Fieldstone Farm:

- _____ Equine Management Team (EMT) – Active program volunteers who assist our Equine Director with the care and training of trial and program horses. (Wednesday afternoons from 1:30-3:30 only.)
- _____ Horse Buddy – Become a special friend to one of our therapy horses. Work with your “buddy” two-three times a week – go for walks, groom, bathe, and give them some extra TLC!
- _____ Carriage Driving – Assist with harnessing a horse to a carriage and spotting in lessons and maybe even learn to long line and drive a horse-drawn carriage. Additional training is required to participate in this program before assisting in carriage driving classes.