



Breeds Barn Internship

Supervisor: Shelli Wright, Breeds Barn Manager

Status: Unpaid, 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. The KHP is visited by approximately one million visitors annually from all over the world. Visitors can see more than 40 different breeds of horses, ride horse drawn trolley tours and attend shows.

About the Internship: 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 one or two live shows a day (depending on time of year and show season), 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.

Positions Overview & Responsibilities:

- 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 able to lift 50 lbs.
- Advanced equine skills and knowledge required.
- Must be enrolled as a student of a college or university.
- Excellent communication, customer service, interpersonal skills, and strong time management.
- Complete online internship application, waiver and background check at kyhorsepark.com.
- Attend an interview, orientation and tour.
- Send cover letter and resume to annie.hickey@ky.gov

For any questions, please contact

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