



## Equine Education Internship

**Supervisor:** Amanda Reardon, Education Supervisor  
**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 intern will assist with any of the four primary Equine Education areas, including the Kids' Barn, Youth Riding Camps, the Equine Troop, and Horseback Riding lessons. The Kids' Barn is an interactive facility with daily education and fun activities. Visitors have the opportunity to help groom horses, go on scavenger hunts, meet horses and enjoy engaging "Horse 101" activities. The Youth Riding Camp is organized on days school are out on break and youth riders can come out to spend an educational day at the parking learning to ride and enhance their horsemanship skills. The Equine Troop is one of the most unique programs in the U.S. geared to helping young people, in mostly at-risk situations, to find guidance and learn discipline that will help them grow into productive and responsible adults. The program is based on partnering inner-city youth with horses, and teaching them how to interact, care for and learn to ride. Horseback Riding lessons of different disciplines will be held throughout the season, it will be an opportunity for anyone to come out to the park to learn how to ride or enhance their skills.

### Positions Overview & Responsibilities:

- Serve as a source of information for all of the activities and programs of the park.
- Provide positive encouragement and mentorship.
- Respect confidential information, but report all incidents and concerns to the staff.
- Assist with riding lessons, Kids' Barn activities, Youth Riding Camps and Equine Troop.
- Catch, groom, bathe, tack and turn out horses.
- Must be able to lift 50 lbs.
- Other duties as assigned.

### Requirements:

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

For any questions, please contact

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