



Hall of Champions Internship

Supervisor: Robin Bush, Hall of Champions 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 Hall of Champions is home to several retired racehorses (Thoroughbred, Standardbred, and Quarter Horse) which have achieved outstanding accomplishments in their respective sports. Horses and staff/interns participate in two daily presentations for the public. Horse care, barn area maintenance, and extensive interaction with Park guests are practiced throughout each day.

Position Overview & Responsibilities:

- grooming, bathing, turning horses in/out
- cleaning stalls, feeding/watering horses, cleaning barn area and equipment
- preparing and presenting horses for Hall of Champions shows
- directing visitors safely through barn and pavilion during shows and at other times as needed--maintaining safety of horses and guests at all times
- keeping barn area organized and tidy throughout the day
- assisting staff with routine horse care (i.e. pulling manes, clipping, hoof and skin treatments, cleaning sheaths, etc.)
- assisting staff/vet/farrier with medical and hoof care where appropriate
- assisting with projects and special activities
- serving as a source of information for all the programs and activities of the Park
- providing excellent customer service to Park guests
- being alert for and reporting any problems or potential problems with horses to the supervisor
- understanding that some of these horses can be challenging and may need an assertive but calm hand, and behaving accordingly. Always follow direction and discretion of supervisor. (Interns will be assigned hands-on horse duties corresponding to their skill and comfort level.)
- other duties as assigned

For any questions, please contact:

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