



## Internship – Hall of Champions

**Supervisor:** Robert Willis, Hall of Champions Supervisor  
**Status:** 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. Over 800,000 visitors from all over the world come to the park annually. Visitors get to meet over 40 different breeds of horses on 1,200 acres of majestic bluegrass land, ride on a horse drawn trolley tours and attend shows at the Hall of Champions, Breeds Barn and Kids' Barns. Visitors can wind through the International Museum of the Horse and even watch a demonstration at the Farrier Shop.

### **Position Overview & Responsibilities:**

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.

- Grooming, bathing, turning horses in/out, cleaning stalls, feeding/watering horses, cleaning barn area and equipment.
- 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.)
- Preparing and presenting horses for daily 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.
- Assisting staff/vet/farrier with medical and hoof care where appropriate.
- Assisting with KHP projects and special activities.
- Serving as a source of information for all the programs and activities of the Park while providing excellent customer service.
- 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.

### **Requirements:**

- Must be enrolled as a student of a college or university, with a GPA of 2.5 or above.
- Complete State of Kentucky Co-Op/Intern Application and Academic Credit Agreement.
- Complete KHP Internship Application and Waiver at [kyhorsepark.com](http://kyhorsepark.com)
- Attend an interview, orientation and tour.
- Must complete 160 hours over an 8 week period.
- Record all internship hours using VicNet database.
- Volunteer for a minimum of 3 KHP special events.
- Complete a midterm and final survey and evaluation.

- Weekly meetings with KHP Internship Manager.
- Must be able to lift 45lbs above shoulders and physically able to walk several miles daily.

For questions, contact:

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