VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES DREAMCATCHER HORSE RANCH & RESCUE CENTER

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for our Rescue Ranch

Our Mission is to help prevent cruelty and neglect to horses in our community by accepting horses in need into our facility on request by our local animal services; owner donations; abandoned or unwanted horses.

A few important facts before we list the responsibilities of the volunteer. Being a volunteer is a serious commitment to the rescue horses. They count on you to be there to take care of them. They need your love and attention more than you know. Being a volunteer means that you love these animals and care about them. If you love them this will not feel like a job, this will make you feel like you are doing something very special.

- Age requirement is "12 years and older including adult ages"
- Volunteers do not ride the rescue horses we have at the ranch unless you take lessons.
- Volunteers do not operate any Ranch Motorized Machinery until such time as they are trained and approved by Belinda, Ranch Operations Manager
- Volunteers will report to Belinda upon arrival for their shift to insure that there is a clear understanding of their shift responsibilities
- Volunteers who are responsible for feeding times must be sure to be on time; horses that have been starved get very anxious when food is not there on time.
- **"Clean Up" means the <u>removal of manure</u>; this is important to the health of the horses and the cleanliness of the Ranch

<u>Feeding Times Help Needed</u>: Morning 7:30/8:00 AM every day Evening 4:00/6:00 PM every day

- <u>Cleaning Chores</u>: 1. Empty All Water Containers/Buckets; Clean containers/buckets; fill with Clean Water
 2. Clean stalls, also called Mucking: stall is indoor housing for a horse or pony. ... Mucking out means removing soiled bedding and is a very important part of daily stable management, as it keeps the stall smelling good: keeps flies away and keeps the horse healthy.
 - 3. Evening Shift turn out horses
 - 4. Sweeping all hard surfaces and barn area inside and out
 - 5. Pick up and throw away trash
 - 6. Clean Ranch Bathrooms
 - 7. Return items to Tack Room
 - 8. Put away all supplies
 - 9. Moving Hay and Feed

ADULTS ONLY

- Clean Fields: Come and "Clean Horses Pastures" which means scoop manure. Anytime during day before 4:00PM Weekdays
- Handyman Maintenance; Painting; Fence Repair; Clean Up; General Repairs; Small Plumbing Chores
- Summer Camps: You can be a Camp Counsellor and earn your High School Graduation requirement hours with us. Our Camps are from 9am – 2pm Volunteer Camp Counsellors may stay until 6pm to help with feeding if you wish.

***No Experience is Necessary; you will receive On the Job training. Seasoned volunteers are available to answer your questions and assist you in learning to work with horses and doing your chores.

Our Volunteers do volunteer their time for our Fundraising Events. These events are very important to the care and maintenance of our rescue horses and all our rescue animals; also the care and maintenance of the Ranch structures. Volunteers who love horses love what they do here. We stress that you our part of the family and we insist on a positive attitude and caring about each other so we enjoy what we do.

Come and join our Dream Team of hard working volunteers.