



Volunteer Opportunities!

Classic Volunteers: These talented friends of ETA work in three-hour minimum time blocks from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., six days a week (we are closed on Sundays), for a minimum of a Quarter at a time (11-12 weeks)! They help manicure the stalls and paddocks, groom the ponies, clean and oil the tack, sweep the floors, assist us in pasture and timber stand improvement, and participate before, during and after lessons. Our classic volunteers, are cross-trained, and can lead and exercise equines, as well as motivate clients, support our instructors, and clean all toys, equipment, and rings for the very best lessons! No experience necessary, we will train you online, on the farm, and with enrichment materials!

Junior Volunteers: These young enthusiasts, aged 10-13, volunteer with a parent in three-hour blocks if they are aged 10-11, and by themselves, closely supervised by ETA's staff, if they are 12-13. These vital helpers at ETA do all of the above, but they do NOT assist in the ring in an actual lesson, until they are 14 years of age, the minimum for our insurance requirements, and the age recommended by our accrediting organization, The Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship, International. Each of these volunteers have an opportunity to grow in stable management and pasture management skills, horsemanship, equine first aide, theory, and maturity, and they routinely receive puzzles, games, and equine-related study materials to enhance their understanding each time they take on a new task! They are all welcome to borrow from our 1,000+ book Lending Library. This is a 11-12 week minimum commitment.

Stable Management Volunteers: These key members of the ETA team work in minimum three-hour shifts each week from 7:00 a.m. until 7 p.m., six days a week, for a minimum of a Quarter at a time (11-12 weeks). This team cleans stalls and paddocks, grooms ponies, cleans and oils tack, assists in feeding, scrubbing water tanks, contributes to pasture management, and supports the equines however their skills are needed. All volunteers are trained carefully in their new tasks, and close support is provided. This is ideal for a person learning about horses and ponies!

Farm Support Team: All of these talented volunteers have a strong interest in the outdoors, and some minimal skills in gardening, maintenance, mowing, weed-whacking, and repairs. This team knocks nails back into board fencing after frost, they seed and compost pastures, they deliver compost to our gardens, bushes, and fruit trees, they scrub HPT fencing, they repair fencing, they help paint equipment and buildings, they move electric fencelines, and they work individually or in groups. Spring 2015: Special Project: construction of a Sensory Trail! This is an ideal placement for a parent-child team, a group of volunteers, a business team or church/synagogue.

Office Volunteers: ETA could not operate without you! Experience with data entry, filing, form construction and office help is appreciated but not required. We work six days a week!

Development Group: This vital group supports ETA by recruiting volunteers, assisting in raising awareness, enrolling ETA in various groups that facilitate its mission, fundraising, donor and sponsor support, grant writing, and public relations and marketing. This group meets at ETA with the Director, and also works at home independently on projects. A Quarterly commitment.

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