

Lovelane Special Needs Horseback Riding Program Sidewalker Qualifications

Overview:

A side walker is required to assist with the lesson by standing, walking and running next to the horse, and supporting the child as per the instructor's directions. A side walker's primary role is to support the student as needed.

Responsibilities:

- ❖ To be aware of the rider at all times and assist in keeping them safe during the lesson
- ❖ To follow the instructor's directions for support and encouragement to the rider
- ❖ To honor your volunteer commitment when scheduled for a shift or a semester
- ❖ To call the cancellation line as far in advance as possible when you need to cancel your shift

Qualifications:

- ❖ Must be 16 years old or over
- ❖ Must be able to work appropriately in a social setting
- ❖ Must be able to lift 30 pounds as needed
- ❖ Must feel comfortable working around kids and horses
- ❖ Must be reliable and dependable
- ❖ Must be able to walk and run along side the horse (in footing) for periods of time – up to 4 hours total
- ❖ Must be able to lift arms up and out to the side for short periods of time
- ❖ Must be able to physically assist 1-4 hours

Volunteer Rules:

- ❖ Cell phone use is not permitted during your shift
- ❖ Inappropriate language or behavior is not tolerated
- ❖ Appropriate attire must be worn (no short shorts, or cleavage shown)
- ❖ Must be able to follow directions of the instructor
- ❖ Must be able to work independently as needed
- ❖ Must feel comfortable with asking questions to supervisors
- ❖ Must have own transportation