

Lovelane Special Needs Horseback Riding Program Horse Leader Qualifications

Overview:

A horse leader is responsible for leading the horse safely during lessons. The leader's main focus is paying attention to the horse, and listening closely to the instructor's directions. The horse leader's primary goal is safety and controlling the horse.

Responsibilities:

- ❖ To lead the horse effectively and safely for lessons
- ❖ To be able to safely groom and tack the horse for lessons, following Lovelane's rules
- ❖ To be aware of the rider, instructor, and the horse during the whole lesson

Qualifications:

- ❖ Must be 16 years old or over
- ❖ Must be able to work in a social setting
- ❖ Must have significant horse experience and be qualified to lead safely*
- ❖ Must be reliable and dependable
- ❖ Must be able to lift 30 pounds
- ❖ Must be able to follow directions from a supervisor/instructor
- ❖ Must be able to walk and run for periods of time, up to 4 hours

* after evaluation, Lovelane will determine which volunteers are qualified to lead horses for lessons.

Volunteer Rules:

- ❖ Cell phone use is not permitted during your shift
- ❖ Inappropriate language and 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/instructors
- ❖ Must have own transportation