



## **EQUINE WRANGLER ASSISTANT JOB DESCRIPTION**

### **OVERALL OBJECTIVE:**

The purpose of the Assistant Instructor is to teach the classroom portion for horsemanship badges, assisted when needed with mounted lessons, trail guide, care for horses and tack, and ensure safety protocol is being implemented. You are encouraged to build relationships through these interactions with the goal of impacting the lives of campers with the Gospel.

**REPORTS DIRECTLY TO:** Equine Coordinator

### **THE EQUINE WRANGLER ASSISTANT'S ROLE IS TO:**

- Plan lessons according to specified curriculum using a variety of teaching methods (lecture, demonstration, games, interaction)
- Build friendships with each camper and pray for them
- Know the schedule, adapt when necessary, be enthusiastic and well prepared
- Endeavor to share Christ with each unsaved camper and to encourage the believers to live for Christ
- Basic stable management (feeding, mucking out)
- Assist with training or conditioning of horses
- Groom and tack horses; maintain tack
- Guide trail, lead pony rides, and assist with lessons
- Mentor Wranglers and Junior Wranglers. Set a positive example, show good work ethic, communicate well, correct in a loving and encouraging manner, promote human and equine safety, and strive live out the Gospel in every aspect of life
- Help maintain and repair trails, fences, paddocks, and facility as necessary

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Preference will be given to those 18 years of age or older
- CHA rider Level 1 & 2
- Current AEF membership
- Current First Aid and CPR
- Preference will be given to those with CHA Instructor certification.
- Love for and patience with children and horses
- Able to teach. Communicate knowledge in a fun, upbeat, and coherent manner. Able to adapt to the learning styles of the group/individual
- General knowledge of the Bible and its application to everyday life (we will assist in the preparation for this)
- Must show an ability to communicate well to supervisors, peers, and program participants
- Must possess a working understanding of development issues for children 8-18 with experience in creatively adapting leadership in an equestrian program
- Must be interested in working in a collaborative environment and demonstrate an ability to be a team

leader

- Previous camp or related experience an asset
- Spiritually and emotionally growing Christian

#### **SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- To live with integrity, good character and honesty at and away from camp
- To identify and meet camper needs with the truth of the Gospel
- Manage risk to ensure the safety of campers and horses
- Participate in daily life with the equestrian team, cabin leaders, campers and camp staff.
- Sit with, interact with, and help maintain discipline with campers at chapel, campfire and meals
- Care for horses and related facilities/grounds
- Attend and participate enthusiastically in camp activities
- Prepare lesson plans, games, and activities for classroom portions of teaching
- Assist with any portion of the equestrian program as required. Be flexible, adaptable, and amiable to unexpected events.
- Assist with preparing the camp to welcome campers on Sunday and assist with cleaning the camp at the end of each camp week
- Participate in the mentorship program, partnered with a permanent/returning staff member who will meet regularly to discuss personal adjustment issues related to living and working in a camp community
- Maintain a team atmosphere with co-leaders
- Attend morning staff meetings and assist campers with morning chores
- Participate in staff training including Plan to Protect
- Other Tasks as Assigned

#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES:**

- **Called** - Have a deep purpose about your life that flows from a strong awareness that God has directed you to serve Him by using your passion and giftedness.
- **Character** - Have demonstrated a high moral integrity that exhibits itself in your personal life, your spiritual life, and your relational life. In other words, you are truthful, faithful, sincere, hard working—a person worthy of respect.
- **Committed** - Displaying a spiritual authenticity through a mature and consistent commitment to Christ and His kingdom purposes.
- **Compatible** - Be a good ministry fit, a relational fit, and a skill fit with the Rivers Edge Equestrian Team.
- **Coachable** - Be aware of your own limitations and inadequacies and eager to learn and to improve. In other words, you will never stop learning as a person.
- **Competent** - Demonstrates a high degree of effectiveness in your previous roles and continue that high level of proficiency at Rivers Edge. Possess the horsemanship skills and knowledge necessary for your tasks.
- **Congruent** - A strong supporter of the Camp's position in relationship to the denomination, and willing to work in cooperation with the statement of faith and the policies and procedures of the Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada and its doctrinal views which are in harmony with this ministry and the Leadership Team Leader.