



Hello and thank you for your interest in the Therapeutic Equestrian Center!

We have a wide variety of volunteer options and opportunities from which to choose. You may be interested in helping riders with special needs in our therapeutic riding program. Perhaps you prefer facility maintenance and ground work. Another choice could be working with horse care and exercising. Office and administration help is also needed. Some volunteers choose all of the above! Whatever your interest, we welcome your involvement and invite you to find your niche in our volunteer family.

We offer a great deal to our southwestern Michigan and northern Indiana community. Our first rate instructors are accredited with NARHA (the global authority, resource and advocate for equine assister activities and therapies) and our enthusiastic staff is well trained.

Research has shown that equine assisted therapeutic activities have a positive impact on people of all ages with a variety of conditions. Interaction with horses can improve physical, cognitive and mental health for those with special needs. Improved balance, strength and a higher self-confidence, and a sense of accomplishment and emotional well-being are some of the documented results. The benefits for volunteers may not be as well documented, but are very real, the experience personally rewarding and meaningful.

TEC is located at Stockbridge Equestrian Center, located at 615 N. M-140, Watervliet, Michigan 49098. Our mailing address is: Therapeutic Equestrian Center, P.O. Box 1250, Niles, Michigan 49120.

We look forward to welcoming new volunteers at TEC. Be sure to call us at (269) 429-0671 as soon as possible for information and to be included in the next orientation. All applications and the handbook are conveniently available for downloading and printing directly from our website, www.tecfarm.org. You can also find us on facebook and Twitter @tecfarm.

Come and make some new friends at TEC! We look forward to working together with you!

Sincerely,

Therapeutic Equestrian Center Staff
Volunteer Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

If under 18 years old, name of parent(s) or legal guardian(s) _____

How would you prefer to be contacted? _____

Employer/School: _____

Address: _____

May we contact you at work? Yes _____ No _____ Work Phone: _____

Please check your areas of interest:

Lessons*

- Horse Leader
- Side-walking with a Student
- Instructor
- Ring Assistant

Horse Care

- Horse Exerciser*
- Cleaning Stalls
- Cleaning Tack
- Finding/Assessing new horses
- Retiring and finding new homes for retired horses.
- Assist with Horse Spa Days

Special Events

- Fundraisers
- Photography
- Info. Booths

PR

- Newsletter
- Photography/Video
- Public Speaking
- Mailings

Clerical

- Grant Writing
- Administration
- Board
- Committee Member

Facility

- General Maintenance
- Carpentry
- Plumbing

*Volunteers must be 14 yrs old to help with riding lessons and 16 yrs old to be an exercise rider. Please fill out the additional application if interested in being an exercise rider.

Availability

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning							
Afternoon							
Evening							

Are you able to commit to a regular scheduled lesson time? Lessons run for usually seven weeks, but may run as long as ten. Yes No

Are you available only on a sub or on-call basis? Yes No

Are you available for an occasional facility work day or a weekend? Yes No

Volunteer Questionnaire:

We would like to get to know you better. Please answer these questions briefly and to the best of your ability. Thank you.

How did you hear about TEC? If referred by someone from TEC, please write their name.

Please explain why you want to become a Therapeutic Equestrian Center Volunteer.

What do you hope to gain from this experience?

Have you been involved with therapeutic riding programs in the past? Yes No

Do you have previous experience with people who have disabilities? Yes No

Do you have previous experience with horses? Yes No

If yes: Have you been involved with 4 H? Yes No

Have you owned and cared for your own horse(s)? Yes No

Please list type of training and years of experience:

Are you willing to take classes to increase your knowledge? Yes No

Do you have a specific talent that might be useful to the Therapeutic Equestrian Center?

I have read the Therapeutic Equestrian Center’s Volunteer Handbook and all my questions regarding its contents have been answered to my satisfaction. I agree to adhere to all policies contained within the Volunteer Handbook.

By signing below I am stating all information provided above is accurate and truthful. I understand that any false statements may affect my ability to volunteer at the Therapeutic Equestrian Center.

Written Name of Parent/Guardian (if applicable)

Signature of Applicant (Parent/Guardian if applicable)

Date

Please return all application forms to:
Therapeutic Equestrian Center
P.O. Box 1250
Niles, Michigan 49120