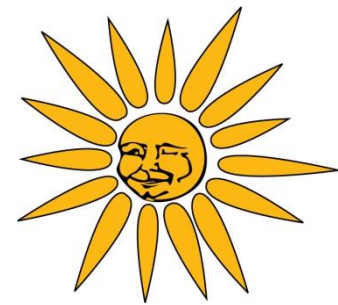


# Horse Volunteer Job Description



## **ROLE AND PURPOSE:**

The mandate of Camp SMILE is to provide a fun, enriching experience for people with disabilities. The role of the Horse Volunteer is to ensure that the Camp SMILE participant has a safe, fun, enjoyable experience while at Camp SMILE. A Camp SMILE Horse Volunteer will be expected to maintain order and maximize safety while assisting campers in a variety of fun horseback riding activities.

## **TIME REQUIRED AND PLACE OF WORK:**

Depending on the number of weeks that a Horse Volunteer works, Camp SMILE has four one week-long sessions and two respite weekends, which are held at Camp Grace in Mobile, Alabama.

## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

Must be 16 years of age by start of camp. Previous horseback riding experience strongly preferred. Must possess the stamina to carry out assigned duties in hot and humid climate over an extended period of time.

## **JOB DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Must attend mandatory horse training
- Punctuality: Volunteers not spending the night must arrive promptly at 8am at the horse area and expect to stay until 6pm
- Maintain an upbeat and encouraging disposition during camp time
- Any Horse Volunteer that would like to be a trail ride guide must pass a riding test
- Must be alert of surroundings at all times and show ability to take quick and appropriate action when working with campers and horses

## **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

Physical: Must be able to lift up to 50 lbs regularly

Customer Service: Establish positive relationships with campers, supervisors, and fellow staff

All other duties: Perform all other duties as assigned, including carrying out responsibilities, performing duties, using skills and working in conditions necessary to perform all assigned tasks.

Ability to be alert of surroundings and take quick and appropriate action

## **TARGET DATES:**

Short-term commitment for time volunteered – no target date for completion

## **REPORT TO:**

Matrisza Alvarez, Camp Director

Jason Barrett and Krystin Barrett, Equine Directors

## **FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT:**

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**THE INTENT OF THIS JOB DESCRIPTION IS TO PROVIDE A REPRESENTATIVE SUMMARY OF THE MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES PERFORMED BY VOLUNTEER IN THIS JOB. VOLUNTEERS MAY BE REQUESTED TO PERFORM JOB-RELATED TASKS OTHER THAN THESE SPECIFICALLY PRESENTED IN THIS DESCRIPTION, AND WILL BE REQUIRED TO PERFORM ANY TASKS REQUESTED BY THE SUPERVISOR AND/OR BY THE MANAGEMENT TEAM.**