

Stone Bridge Farm College Internship Program

Goals

SBF will offer from 2-4 internships for college students during the summer of 2009, and during the school year. **Upon review and approval of the college in question, students may be able to receive college credit for these internships.** These internships are intended for students who are considering a career in the horse industry. As such, students will be introduced to, and actively participate in, various aspects of managing a successful hunter/jumper facility, including:

Equine management, e.g. developing and maintaining individualized nutrition, training and competition programs for board, lesson and sales horses, and scheduling and interacting with farriers and vets

Instruction, including assisting with camp and other lesson programs, and designing and setting weekly courses and gymnastic exercises

Showing, including organizing feed, tack and equipment before the show; setting up and assisting trainers at shows; and preparing horses for the ring

Customer relations with boarders and lesson clients

Horse show management, including preparing for and assisting at SBF's three VHSA/SWVHJA recognized shows during the summer

Development and marketing of new programs, and record keeping on existing programs

Interns are expected to maintain a high degree of professionalism at all times. Candidates for the internships must demonstrate maturity, excellent communication skills, a solid foundation in hunt seat riding, and have experience working with and around horses.

Responsibilities

Interns will be expected to be available to work from *at least* 7:00 am – 5:30 pm, six days per week. These hours may occasionally be reduced or lengthened, depending on the circumstances. Interns' responsibilities may include the following:

Preparing and giving morning, afternoon and evenings feed, hay and water

Turning horses out or in

Teaching or assisting in teaching lessons, and preparing lesson horses for riders

Exercising (riding, longing) lesson and other horses

Providing follow-up care medical for horses under the direction of a veterinarian and SBF management

Designing and setting jump courses and gymnastics exercises

Grooming, trimming and tacking up horses

Greeting and supervising lesson clients

Preparing for and assisting with SBF horse shows

Organizing and packing feed, tack and equipment for horse shows; unpacking and setting up at horse shows; assisting trainers in preparing horses for the ring

Other responsibilities as needed

Stipend and Benefits

In addition to the opportunity to work with and learn from leading professionals, interns receive the following benefits:

Small cash stipend, depending whether intern is receiving college credit or not

Housing in a furnished, comfortable apartment on the property

Gas and per diem while working at horse shows

Riding at least five times per week, including 1-2 lessons with SBF trainers

Interns may bring their own horse to SBF for instruction, training and showing. Discounted board is available for interns at \$600 per month.

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