



SEATON HACKNEY STABLES VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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8 – WEEK WINTER VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

Cost of 8-week program: \$175* includes an SHS “Happy Volunteer” T-Shirt



Saturday April 4th through Saturday May 23rd

Sessions falling on Holidays will be extended.

Followed by a practical test and 3 compulsory shadowing sessions

Why Volunteer?

BATS - Beginner Assistants in Training RATS - Registered Assistants in Training CATS- Certified Assistant Trainees

- Every self-respecting Stable has Bats, Rats and Cats! Ours are the *humankind* and an integral part of the success and implementation of our many different programs.
- Our Seaton Hackney volunteers not only earn valuable *Barn Bucks* (we abbreviate these “\$H\$”) but are also able to:
 - Improve their horsemanship and leadership skills
 - Acquire a sense of responsibility and work ethic
 - Build a sense of community through completing projects and lending a hand to the programs at Seaton Hackney
 - Find an attention to detail, confidence & self-awareness

So, What does it take to become a BAT, RAT OR CAT?

To become a BAT and ultimately become a RAT OR CAT, you must demonstrate a love of horses and a willingness to help.

The minimum age for volunteering is 12yo (BATs), 14yo (RATs) and 16yo for CATS.

Before becoming a RAT, you will need to have proven yourself as a BAT!

- Show the ability to complete tasks efficiently and independently
- Able to stay on task and show initiative where help is needed
- Show good sportsmanship and work well with others
- Respect barn rules, staff and animals
- Awareness of surroundings and ability to recognize basic safety
- Show reliability and punctuality during shifts

What should I wear when volunteering?

It is essential to clearly show that you are a Member of our SHS Volunteer Team while working your shift at Seaton Hackney Stables. Staff and customers depend on you, may have questions for you, may need your help, and they have to be able to locate you without having to ask around. SHS will have apparel for you to wear, sometimes charging a small \$H\$ token fee or including it in your training program fees. YOU CANNOT come for a shift without wearing the apparel as it clearly states that you are a volunteer who is always eager and prepared to help!

CELL PHONES AND DOWN TIME: OUR (STRICT) POLICY? NO cell phones allowed during your shift. Emergencies can be handled through our office. Down time? Ask the office for a break or our Yard Staff for an assignment.

USE THE BACK OF THIS FORM TO REGISTER ➔

Volunteer Name _____ Adult? (Y/N) _____ If under the age of 18 _____

Email Address for weekly assignments/updates. Please print clearly:

_____ @ _____

Complete address: _____ Zip: _____

Cell phone: _____ Emergency phone: _____

Current riding proficiency (Y/N): walk _____ trot _____ know diagonals _____ canter _____ jump _____ - if yes, jump height _____

Tack horse yourself (Y / N): English _____ Western _____ Currently in SHS troop? If yes, which Troop level: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Cell: _____

LIABILITY WAIVER: MUST be signed by Parent / Guardian

I hereby give my permission to Seaton Hackney Stables to transport the child named above off the barn property for the purpose of medical care as deemed appropriate by the Operations Manager. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I give permission to the physician selected by the Operations Manager to hospitalize, secure proper treatment and to order injection, anesthetic or surgery for the child named above. I understand that Seaton Hackney Stables does not provide accident/medical insurance for the child named above. Medical bills, including prescription drugs, will be the responsibility of the parent or guardian named below. SHS has my permission to use photographs taken of my child for promotional purposes. Rules are the same for everyone without regard to race, color, national origin, gender or disability. I understand that all volunteers will be treated as individuals and respect will be shown for a range of abilities and behaviors. I agree that Seaton Hackney Stables reserves the right to dismiss a volunteer from the program whose special needs they are not able to provide for or whose conduct is not in the best interest of the community, without refund. I will notify the Operations Manager if my child has any serious restrictions related to his/her participation in the program. I am aware of the following policies regarding fees: no refunds or credits will be given for canceling; no refunds are given if a volunteer is dismissed due to disciplinary action; no refunds are given if volunteers leave early or miss one or more sessions due to homesickness or personal commitments. I agree that my child may have her/his picture taken in conjunction with promotional purposes.

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

*****Parents are required to attend the first 15 minutes of the first Volunteer session to hear about the Volunteers Code of Conduct and have them sign by both Parent and Volunteer**

- Session I Grooming and Haltering
- Session II Tacking - English and Western
- Session III Mounting Riders for Trails / Lessons and Pony Rides
- Session IV Mini Cart & Harnessing
- Session V Interacting with Clients and Office + Horse Body Language
- Session VI Proactive Behavior and Practice
- Session VII Make-Up Class/Q & A's/Practice/Review
- Session VIII Test: Good Luck!

Saturday 4/4/2026 Sessions 1 - 8 MEET FROM 3:00PM UNTIL 4:30PM
+ 5 Shadowing Sessions (dates of your choice)

If a class is missed you can make up that missed class session by joining the last session which is for makeups or by working with one of our instructors in a private lesson

Payment must accompany this form

\$175 Credit Card # _____ Expires: _____ Zip Code: _____ CVC _____

Credit Card Processing Fee 3.25%

Or Check # _____ Or Cash _____ Payment Date: _____ Office Initials _____

IMPORTANT: CIRCLE SIZE FOR SHIRT!

Child Sizes: XS S M L XL

Teen/Adult Sizes: XS S M L XL XXL