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### **Intern Job Description:**

Volunteers are the life blood of the Wild Horse Sanctuary and Interns play an integral role in helping us live our mission and accomplish our goals. At least 50% of an intern's time is spent working with horses in some capacity. The remaining time is spent assisting with guest relations, ranch maintenance and operations, as well as special projects made available based on the student's interest and the needs of the Sanctuary. Interns work independently and as part of a team to complete tasks. Internships at the Wild Horse Sanctuary are unpaid. Room and some board is provided.

### **Key Responsibilities:**

- Ensure all horses and burros on the property are fed daily and have a clean supply of water
- Ensure other livestock on the property are fed and watered daily
- Under the supervision of a qualified lead, tend to minor injuries and wounds of domestic horses and other livestock on the property
- Under the supervision of a qualified lead, clean and repair saddle horse tack
- Catch, groom, and saddle horses in preparation for weekend trail rides
- Greet and assist guests attending weekend trail rides
- Serve as trail back up or camp host on weekend trail rides – assignments are based on experience and skill set and duties are rotated as appropriate
- Serve as visitor center host on Wednesdays and Saturdays when the Sanctuary is open to the public.
  - Guide guests on foot tours of the property to view wild horses and burros
- Assist with overall effort to keep grounds tidy and safe
  - Includes minor fence repairs, painting, weed control, and recycling
- Represent the Wild Horse Sanctuary by exhibiting at community events – duty assigned based on intern skill set and interest level
- Assist with miscellaneous projects as they arise

### **Opportunities:**

- During their internships, many students choose to maximize opportunities to learn or improve skills in the following areas:
  - Horse handling and riding
  - Halter training yearlings (opportunities are available under the guidance of a qualified lead and the interest level and aptitude of the individual intern)
  - Wild horse behavior and herd dynamics
  - Wild horse issues and threats to their existence on public lands
  - Understanding eco-systems and identifying native plants and animals of Northern California
  - Non-profit management
  - Guest relations/customer service/public speaking