

## Volunteer Roles

- Side Walker - Our riders have various challenges and most of them need assistance during their therapeutic riding lessons. A side walker will assure the rider is safe and will reinforce the instructor's directions, provide encouragement, give physical support if needed, and interact with the riders. Side walkers will also help prepare the riders for lessons, and assist with mounting and dismounting.
- Horse Leader - The horse leaders assist with the therapeutic riding classes by guiding the horse and the rider during the lesson. Additionally, horse leaders assist with grooming and tacking to prepare horses for the lesson.
- Barn Crew – The barn crew clean stalls, ensure water supplies are clean and full, muck out the pastures/lots, and assist with feeding the herd. Our horses are fed twice a day, every day of the week. Horse experience is helpful but not required.
- Maintenance Helper – Maintenance helpers can assist with a wide variety of duties and tasks related to the upkeep and maintenance of the grounds, walkways, and facilities. Maintenance volunteers assist with lawn care, tending to the flower beds, maintaining fencing in the pastures, general clean-up, and much more!
- Event Planning / Administrative Help - If you have a knack for event planning, soliciting sponsorships, securing silent auction items, and contacting vendors for in-kind donations, we can use your help. We also need assistance in upgrading technology, maintaining mailing lists, and drafting communications. This is great role for those who are not able to help with the physically demanding volunteer roles.
- Service Groups - Businesses, student and church groups can assist with project work. Projects include clean-up days, maintenance projects, and other initiatives.

### Requirements to Volunteer at EEU:

- Volunteers must be 16 years of age to work with the horses.
- Volunteer application and consent forms must be filled out and signed prior to volunteer orientation training.
- Some roles may require moderate physical activity, and working outside in varying weather conditions. Please be sure you are comfortable with the conditions of the role you select.
- All volunteers may be subject to a background check.

**Maybe add a volunteer testimonial as a footer on this page??? This page would also have the download of the volunteer application.**