Scattered Acres Sport Horses
Internship Program

The Scattered Acres Internship Program is an experiential learning program focused on riding instruction and comprehensive professional development in the equine industry. Applicants will be immersed in the daily operations of our busy program and contribute to the efforts of our professional team. The curriculum and focus are calibrated for everyone depending on their experience, the duration of their commitment, and their goals.

All interns are instructed in the fundamentals of equine care, barn management, riding instruction, horse training, competition grooming and equestrian business management. Intensive daily riding lessons from the founder and owner of Scattered Acres, Autumn Rae, will focus on elevating our interns to be competent and competitive equestrians in dressage, stadium and cross country jumping. We are located in the geographic heart of eventing, dressage and hunter jumper country, so there will be ample opportunities to attend and perhaps compete in local USEA, USDF, USHJA competitions. Additional educational activities will include reading assignments, and various clinics. There is no shortage of opportunities to learn and advance here at Scattered Acres.

Our interns benefit tremendously from this intensive practical experience and leave prepared for many possibilities in the equine industry. This is a paid internship depending on experience, and interns are welcome to bring a horse, though it is not necessary for the program.

Please see our website for more information about our facility, programs and offerings: www.scatteredacres.net, www.heal.foundation

REQUIREMENTS

Minimum commitment of 3 months, 6 - 12 months preferred. Successful interns will have the opportunity to extend their stay for possible long-term employment. Interns work 10 hour shifts, 5 days a week with a break. All Interns receive 2 days off weekly. 1 - 2 years of riding and horse care experience, or serious focus in an equine related degree preferred.

DESIRED SKILLS

- Ability to work well within a team
- Ability to take direction & feedback
- Safely Handle horses with different temperaments
- Grooming, Tacking & Untacking a horse
- Cleaning Stalls & Paddocks
- Physically fit enough to carry water buckets, hay bales, muck buckets & be in consistent movement throughout the day
- Attention to detail
- Strong Desire to learn & grow

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A Typical Day: Feeding, medical care, turn-in and out, and blanket changes in the morning. In the middle of the day an array of things, including tacking and un-tacking horses, setting courses and grids, going out schooling XC, helping to train and condition horses, assisting clients, working with the vet and farrier, cleaning tack, various barn chores, and then feeding, turning in and out, medical care, and blanket changes again the evening. Apprentices will receive a lesson every working day. Other opportunities Apprentices have to help with and learn about are: HEAL programs, office work/business management, grooming at competitions, competing, going with Autumn to ride with her coaches, teaching lessons, etc.

ACCOMMODATION

Shared living quarters on the farm with one other intern. The room is comparable to a dorm room. There is a lounge with kitchen and bathroom that is shared with other staff & clients during business hours. Utilities and living quarters are free of charge as part of the program.

Pets: We love animals, but unfortunately cannot accommodate pets in the living quarters.

FACILITY

Scattered Acres is a beautiful 48-acre farm between Manassas and Warrenton, Virginia. We are home to 30 horses, most of which are high performance competition horses. We have been in business for over 15 years and have built a reputation for extremely high-quality training and coaching, impeccable management of our facility, and excellent care for our horses. We take pride in providing a professional and peaceful atmosphere and offer a multitude of educational opportunities and services for our clients. We consider our stable community to be a family of impassioned riders who work together to accomplish their goals.

BENEFITS

- 5 riding lessons per week
- 10 hours barn management instruction per week
- Free on-site lodging with all utilities included
- Reading materials provided -and-
- Monthly stipend of $450 upon proven proficiency
- Free field board for 1 horse upon proven proficiency
- Free hauling to competitions and XC training

In addition to the monthly stipend, once fellows can teach lessons at Scattered Acres, they are paid for the lessons they give starting at $18/45 minutes. Lessons taught are in addition to normal working hours. The value of this program (not including stipend and pay earned for giving lessons) is approximately $53,850 for one year stay.