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VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

RATS* & CATS**

*Registered Assistant-in-Training **Certified Assistant Trainee

Note: Registrations can be completed and handed in either in person, faxed, e-mailed or slow-mailed!

Why volunteer?

Every self-respecting Stable needs Rats and Cats! Ours are the human kind 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 spend a great deal of time interacting with their peers and favorite critters in a healthy and supportive environment. Parents know that they can entrust their children to us for a few hours while running their errands and other family pursuits.

What does it take to become one?

To become a RAT and, ultimately a CAT, you must, of course, demonstrate a love of horses and a willingness to help others. While we make the occasional exception, the minimum age for volunteering is 11yo (RATs) and 13yo (CATs).

Before becoming a CAT, you will need to have proven yourself as a RAT, and that will take time.

Because your ability to perform your tasks safely and succeed in your job as a Volunteer is very important to us, we offer this specific Volunteer Training Program and make it compulsory. Once the training is completed and you have successfully passed the final test you will be able to fill out a Volunteer Card and start earning \$H\$ Barn-Bucks.

The office will contact you regularly and schedule you for one or two (consecutive) 3-hr shifts.

Until then, as part of your learning process, you will be asked to shadow other RATs or CATs.

What should I wear when volunteering?

It is absolutely essential to clearly show that you are a volunteer while working your shift at Seaton Hackney Stables. Staff and customers depend on you, may have questions, may need your help and they have to be able to locate you without having to ask around. SHS will have some kind of apparel for you to wear, sometimes charging a small \$H\$ token fee for it or including it in your Training Fees. YOU CANNOT come for a shift without that piece of apparel as it clearly states that you are a volunteer.

USE THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS FORM TO REGISTER
FOR OUR NEXT
VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM

SHS VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM / FALL SESSION CHOICE OF STARTING EITHER
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 23RD OR SATURDAY AUGUST 26TH, 2017

Cost of 8-week program: \$150 includes an SHS "Happy Volunteer" T-Shirt

Volunteer Name: _____ **Adult? (Y/N)** _____ **If under 18, DOB :** _____

VOLUNTEER Signature: _____

Email Address: (get Special Event info, Coupons, etc...) Please print clearly: IMPORTANT!

_____ @ _____

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:** _____

Mother's Name: _____ **Cell #** _____

Father'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

SCHEDULE FOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM: an 8-week rain or shine training program starting August 23rd & August 26th

NOTE: Session 7, Oct 4th & 7th will be used as a practice & Make-up class. If you happen to miss a second session, it will have to be made-up privately with an Instructor for the normal 1/2hr lesson fee.

WEDNESDAY SESSIONS 1- 8 MEET FROM 4:30PM UNTIL 6 PM.
SAT SESSIONS 1-8 MEET FROM 2PM UNTIL 3:30PM.

Session I	Grooming and Haltering	WED. AUG 23 RD / SAT. AUG 26 TH
Session II	Tacking - English and Western	WED. AUG 30 TH / SAT. SEPT 2 ND
Session III	Mounting Riders for Trails / Lessons and Pony Rides	WED. SEPT 6 TH / SAT. SEPT 9 TH
Session IV	Mini Cart & Harnessing	WED. SEPT 13 TH / SAT. SEPT 16 TH
Session V	Interacting with Clients and Office + Horse Body Language	WED. SEPT 20 TH / SAT. SEPT 23 RD
Session VI	Proactive Behavior and Practice	WED. SEPT 27 TH / SAT. SEPT 30 TH
Session VII	Make-Up Class/Q & A's/Practice	WED. OCT 4 TH / SAT. OCT 7 TH
Session VIII	Rat Test	WED. OCT 11 TH / SAT. OCT 14 TH

\$150 paid by: Credit Card # _____ Expires: _____ Zip Code: _____

or Check # _____ or Cash (circle) **Payment Date:** _____ **Office Initials** _____

IMPORTANT: CIRCLE SIZE FOR SHIRT!

Child Sizes: XXS XS S M L XL

Teen/Adult Sizes: XS S M L XL XXL