



# SEATON HACKNEY STABLES

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## VOLUNTEER 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 Stables needs Rats and Cats! Ours are the human kind and an integral part of the success of our programs. Our Seaton Hackney volunteers not only earn valuable *Barn Bucks* (we call these \$H\$) but also are able to improve their horsemanship and leadership skills, acquire a sense of responsibility and spend a great time interacting with their peers and favorite critters in a healthy and supportive environment at Seaton Hackney. Their parents know that they can entrust them 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 an occasional exception, the minimum age for volunteering is 11yo (RAT) and 13yo (CAT).

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

Also, because your ability to perform your tasks properly and succeed in your job as a Volunteer is very important to us, we offer specific Volunteer Training 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 that 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 / WINTER SESSION STARTING SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4th , 2017**

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

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

**Email Address: (get Special Events, 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.

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**Parent's or Guardian's Signature/Date**

**SCHEDULE FOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM:** an 8-week rain or shine training program starting February 4<sup>th</sup>.

**NOTE:** Session 8, March 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

<b>Session I</b>	Grooming and Haltering	SATURDAY FEB 4TH 2PM-3PM
<b>Session II</b>	Tacking - English and Western	SATURDAY FEB 11TH 2PM-3PM
<b>Session III</b>	Mounting Riders for trails / lessons and Pony Rides	SATURDAY FEB 18TH 2PM-3PM
<b>Session IV</b>	Mini Cart & HARNESSING	SATURDAY FEB 25TH 2PM-3PM
<b>Session V</b>	Interacting with Clients and Office + Horse Body Language	SATURDAY MAR 4TH 2PM-3PM
<b>Session VI</b>	Proactive Behavior and Practice	SATURDAY MAR 11TH 2PM-3PM
<b>Session VII</b>	Rat Test **1.5 hour session***	SATURDAY MAR 18TH 2PM-3:30PM
<b>Session VIII</b>	Make Up Class/Q & A's/Practice	SATURDAY MAR 25TH 2PM-3PM

**\$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**