

Horse Leaders at NVTRP Policies/Guidelines

Required:

1. Attend a Volunteer Intro Training Session
2. Complete a Horse Experience Questionnaire (HEQ)
3. Actively volunteer on a weekly scheduled shift
4. Successful completion of a Horse Leader Workshop (HLW) (**Please note: submission of the HEQ does not guarantee an invitation to a HLW*)
5. Following completion of the HLW, all volunteers will start out leading horses in the barn area **ONLY**. Leaders for client sessions will be chosen at the discretion of the instructors/therapists.

Recommended:

1. 2 years or more of horse experience (i.e. riding, barn help, etc.)
2. 12 or more NVTRP volunteer hours
3. 8 or more NVTRP sidewalking hours

Note:

1. If you are a returning Horse Leader and have not volunteered within 12 months, you must attend a HLW to reinstate leading responsibilities.
2. All horse leaders must act in a professional manner and within the NVTRP guidelines for horsemanship.
3. NVTRP reserves the right to suspend leading responsibilities (or allow leading of specific horses only) at any time for reasons that include, but are not limited to: safety risks, inappropriate behavior, leading technique, misconduct, horse/client needs.
4. Client session and Hippotherapy leaders are chosen at the discretion of the therapist and instructor.