



Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center
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Volunteer Application

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with CTRC! Please complete the following questionnaire in full, along with the attached Volunteer's Consent & Release Form, Volunteer Job Description and Confidentiality Policy. Do not leave any questions blank.

Please Note: CTRC cannot accept applicants into volunteer programs who have been arrested for, or convicted of, crimes against persons and/or animals. All volunteers must complete a background check prior to volunteering.

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____ **Gender:** _____ **Preferred Pronouns:** _____
(She/her/hers, him/he/his, they/them/theirs, other)

Date of Birth: _____ **Email:** _____

Contact #1 Phone Number: _____ Cell Home Work
 Name and Relation to Applicant _____ Self Parent/Guardian Other

Contact #2 Phone Number: _____ Cell Home Work
 Name and Relation to Applicant _____ Self Parent/Guardian Other

Street Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____
Must provide street address

Mailing Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____
County of Residence: _____

How did you hear about CTRC?
 Newspaper School CTRC Website Volunteer Agency Volunteer Fair
 Driving By Friend Bulletin Board PATH Intl. Company Publication

Employer/School Name: _____

What is your availability? Check all that apply
 Winter Spring Summer Fall
 Weekday Mornings Weekday Afternoons Weekday Evenings
 Saturday Mornings Saturday Afternoons
 Notes: _____

Are you comfortable working around horses? Yes No
 Are you able to walk for 45 minutes and jog short distances? Yes No
 Are you able to hold your arm above shoulder height and support a rider's weight? Yes No



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Volunteer Responsibilities Description

Position Title: Lesson Volunteer

Reports To: Volunteer Coordinator

Eligibility:

- This position is physically demanding and requires the ability to walk 45+ minutes in a sand arena and jog for short distances.
- May be asked to assist participants weighing up to 200 lbs.
- Willingness to be outdoors in many weather extremes.
- Ability to follow direction from a direct supervisor in a fast paced environment.
- Ability to commit to a full 6-14 week session or make suitable and timely arrangements otherwise.
- Attend volunteer training and read volunteer manual.
- 16 years of age or older or 14 with significant horse experience.
- Fully complete application with all required forms and provide two references.

Responsibilities: Lesson volunteers work under the direct oversight of a CTRC Instructor. Responsibilities include arriving 30 minutes prior to class start time; catching, grooming and tacking horses for scheduled lesson; dressing safely and appropriately; informing CTRC in a timely fashion of absences and following the substitution policy; following all agency policies and procedures; communicating questions, grievances, feedback, or concerns to Instructor or Volunteer Coordinator; following safety rules and regulations.

Duties:

Lesson Volunteer (general):

- Catch, groom and tack horse for lesson
- Promote rider independence and success
- Alert the instructor of any safety or health concerns
- Assist instructor in maintaining a safe environment and assist in an emergency

Sidewalker

- Assist instructor during mounting and dismounting
- Communicate with participant when appropriate including verbal and non-verbal prompts
- Provide physical assistance and stabilization to the participant when directed or necessary
- Remains focused on assisting the participant

Horse Leader

- Responsible for leading horse, walking alongside horse without a lead, or may be stationed in the arena for spotting
- Focus remains on working with the horse
- Communicate with instructor regarding any horse related questions or concerns

All new volunteers will be considered probationary for six months. During this time, they will be monitored by an Instructor to ensure safety and will not be alone with participants for any period of time. If the candidate exhibits any physical limitations or behavior traits which may be of concern, or any disregard for CTRC's program, horses, staff, or participants, the candidate will not participate as a lesson volunteer. If you are unable to perform any of these duties listed above, the Volunteer Coordinator will meet with you to discuss other options.

I understand my work for the Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center is being provided in a volunteer capacity and I will not receive any compensation or any other benefits in connection with the volunteer position.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Name (Printed): _____



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Volunteer Consent & Release Form

Emergency Contact Information

In the event emergency medical aid/treatment is required due to illness or injury while participating in the services of, or while being on the property of, the Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center (CTRC), please contact the following:

Volunteer Name: _____

Emergency Contact #1: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Contact #2: _____ Phone: _____

Liability Release

Under Colorado Law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to section 13-21-119, Colorado Revised Statutes.

_____ (Volunteer name) would like to participate in the Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center's (CTRC) program. I acknowledge the risks and potential for risks in riding and working with horses. However, I feel that the possible benefits to myself/my child/my ward are greater than the risks assumed. I hereby, intending to be legally bound, for myself, my heirs, assigns, executors and/or administrators, waive and release forever all claims for damages against CTRC, its Board of Directors, Advisory Board, Instructors, Therapists, Aides, volunteers, employees, agents, and representatives of any kind for any and all injuries, damages, claims, demands, causes of actions, law suits, and/or losses I/my child/my ward may sustain while participating in CTRC's program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
 (or signature of parent/guardian if volunteer is under age 18)

Photo & Publicity Release

I hereby:

- DO
- DO NOT

consent to and authorize the Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center to use my/my child's/my ward's name in any audio, visual and written promotional material and to use and/or reproduce any and all photographs and any other audiovisual materials taken of me/my child/my ward for promotional printed material, educational activities, exhibitions or for any other use for the benefit of the program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
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Confidentiality Policy

The Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc. (CTRC) recognizes the right of participants/riders and their families to have privacy and control over any information that might be personal or sensitive. In order to respect that right, CTRC has adopted the following policy regarding confidentiality.

Those bound by the directives of this policy are ALL persons in any way connected with CTRC, including but not limited to: full and part-time staff, volunteers, board members, temporary employees, independent contractors, and instructor workshop/training/certification participants. Any person violating these policies will be subject to penalties ranging from reprimand to alteration of job responsibilities to termination to legal action.

Information considered to be confidential includes all medical, familial, social, referral, personal, and financial concerns regarding a participant and/or his/her family. Such information is considered confidential regardless of how it is obtained, whether directly from the participant or family, CTRC staff, volunteers or others association with CTRC, or inadvertently from other sources, such as but not limited to a chart, computer screen or overheard conversation.

Consent to disclose information to outside individuals or agencies, including photographs and videotapes, should be obtained in writing from the proper legal representative. Adults age 18 and over with development disabilities are presumed to be competent to give consent unless they have specifically been found incompetent in a court of law. In such a case, a substitute decision-maker would be assigned, and any consent must be obtained from that decision-maker.

I have read and understand the CTRC confidentiality policy as described above and agree to observe its principles.

Name (Printed): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(or signature of parent/guardian if volunteer is under age 18)