



# Chagrin Valley Farms

## Mentorship Service Program

### Offers Opportunities with Horses and Helping Others

A new program designed to offer kids and adults more time with horses and a rewarding opportunity to help develop young equestrians was introduced at Chagrin Valley Farms earlier this year.

Equestrians will gain experience within the lesson program and/or the summer riding camp program while earning points to be used toward riding lessons, practice ride-time, show entry credits and merchandise. As they develop their skills supporting the equestrian program, they will also gain volunteer experience toward school service requirements and future resume building, in addition to camaraderie and social networking.

All are welcome to apply for the mentorship service program. "This is a great program for equestrians to gain experience helping beginners get started and enhance their horsemanship skills. Adults who used to ride and miss being at the barn can come back and enjoy being around horses once again. Volunteer work can be extremely rewarding and is seen as a positive trait by colleges, universities and employers," explained Cami Blanchard, Program Director for Chagrin Valley Farms.

For those looking to spend more time at the barn this summer, the Summer Camp Assistantships offer a great opportunity and a chance to help young riders build their skills during weeklong camp programs. New camp curriculum will include more guest speakers and opportunities to learn more about horse care and equestrian topics.

Mentorship participants will be assigned their working level based on experience and they will assist in appropriate level classes. They will be able to move up to the next level after ongoing assessments of skill and experience.

Duties specific to each level may include but may not be limited to:

#### Level I

Customer greetings  
Sweeping  
Watering  
Assistance to the instructors

#### Level II

Grooming  
Tacking  
Leading horses  
Level I tasks

#### Level III

Assisting riders  
Lunging horses  
Turn-out  
Level I & Level II tasks

For details contact Cami Blanchard at [cblanchard@chagrinvalleyfarms.com](mailto:cblanchard@chagrinvalleyfarms.com) or 440-543-7233.



Sue Ford with CVF students  
Macy, Emma and Kiara (left to right)



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## Application for Mentorship Service Program

(Includes summer camp assistantships)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City, State, Zip

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Current school or employer \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in school if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently enrolled in the lesson and/or camp program at Chagrin Valley Farm?    Yes    No

How did you hear about Chagrin Valley Farm's volunteer program? \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply. I feel that am able to competently complete the following tasks unassisted:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Groom horses                | <input type="checkbox"/> Assist riders with mounting/dismounting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pick hooves                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Supervise younger children              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tack up with English saddle | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweep                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lead horses                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Lunge horses                            |

Briefly describe your experience with horses:

Please check all that apply:

I am interested in volunteering for the regular evening lesson program. Times are listed below. Please fill in your available times within those time slots. A minimum of two hours is preferred.

Monday      3:30-7:30 \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday      3:30-7:30 \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday    3:00-7:30 \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday      3:30-6:30 \_\_\_\_\_

*Please feel free to write in any additional time outside of this that you would be available*

I am interested in volunteering for summer camp. Summer Camp dates and time are listed below. Please fill in your available times and weeks.

Times	Weeks		
<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00-4:00	<input type="checkbox"/> June 4-8	<input type="checkbox"/> July 9-13	<input type="checkbox"/> Aug 6-10
<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00-1:00	<input type="checkbox"/> June 11-15	<input type="checkbox"/> July 16-20	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> 1:00-4:00	<input type="checkbox"/> June 18-22	<input type="checkbox"/> July 23-27	
	<input type="checkbox"/> June 25-29	<input type="checkbox"/> July 30-Aug 3	