



Volunteer Job Descriptions

We offer a wide variety of volunteer options within our program. You do not have to be a horse person to volunteer with Positive Strides.

Horse Leaders are responsible for the care of the horse, before during and after the lesson. Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the lessons and anticipate staying at least 15 minutes after the lessons are complete. This includes grooming, tacking, and warming up (leading around the arena if needed). Horse leaders help ensure the safety of the horse and rider during lessons

Sidewalkers- The sidewalker's main concern is for the safety of the rider. He/she walks beside the horse in lessons and offer physical and emotional support to the rider. They help riders reach their lesson goals.

Horse Resource Person oversees the needs of the horses between lessons

Reception Area Resource Person oversees the reception area of the Positive Strides office

Equine Learning Assistants work by helping instructor during the group sessions involving various Equine Assisted Learning activities. This involves mentoring and encouraging participants as they work with the horses individually, or in teams.

Positive Strides has other volunteer opportunities available and they are listed below. See the ED for more information.

- Barn volunteers- assisting with barn chores such as mucking, dumping muck tubs from arena, watering, turning out horses, cleaning tack and tack room
- Office volunteers- assisting with various office related duties such as filing, answering phones, returning messages, cleaning office areas
- Special skills volunteers- grant writing, photography, event planning/fundraising, landscaping