



SEVEN OAKS FARMS, LLC

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Mississippi State University - Undergraduate Equine Internships **6 Unique Opportunities**

INTERNSHIPS OFFERED

Seven Oaks Farms, LLC is pleased to offer unique undergraduate equine internship opportunities for 2018:

- Farm Maintenance Internship
- Foal Attendant/Mentor
- Marketing/Media Internship
- Show Horse Exhibitor Internship
- Stable Hand Internship
- Training Internship

About Seven Oaks Farms, LLC

Seven Oaks Farms, LLC has 20+ years experience breeding, raising, showing, trail riding and marketing the Tennessee Walking Horse (TWH) and Spotted Saddle Horse (SSH). Our farm has produced a World Grand Champion (WGC) or a World Champion (WC) spotted TWH in every flat-shod show division (Country Trail Pleasure, Traditional Trail/Country Pleasure, Trail Pleasure, Lite-Shod and Open Shod). Seven Oaks' horses have been published in numerous equine publications including *The Voice of the Tennessee Walking Horse*, *The Tennessee Walking Horse Sire Summary*, *The Walking Horse Report*, *The Scoop*, *Hoofbeats*, *The Spotted Saddle Horse Magazine*, and *The National Saddle Horse Journal*. We maintain two Facebook pages (*Seven Oaks Stables* and *Sir Oliver de Jose*) as well as two websites sevenoaksfarms.com and siroliverdejose.com. Over the past several years, we have begun training some of our own offspring. The TWH is one of the smartest and easiest-going breeds to train and a joy to ride. Since Mississippi State University is located in the heart of Quarter Horse country (including other trotting breeds) students rarely have exposure to farms with gaited horses. Currently, Seven Oaks owns 12 horses ranging in age from 5 months to 34, six of which are WCs or WGCs. We also offer a range of [boarding services](#).

“The Tennessee Walking Horse performs three distinct gaits: the flat foot walk, running walk and canter. These three are the gaits for which the Tennessee Walking Horse is famous, with the running walk being an inherited, natural gait unique to this breed.” Please see more at <http://www.twhbea.com/breed/gaits.php>.

Currently our farm and facilities include:

The *Cypress Barn* (main working/hangout barn)

- ▶ Five 12x12 stalls
- ▶ 12x12 wash rack
- ▶ Tack room
- ▶ Utility room with washer/dryer, refrigerator, microwave, utility sink and toilet downstairs.
- ▶ A one-bedroom apartment is located upstairs with deck overlooking a paddock

The *Grey Barn* (additional working barn)

- ▶ Two 12x24 foaling stalls and three 12x12 stalls
- ▶ 12x36 storage/tack room and 12x24 feed/storage room
- ▶ Spacious 20 foot aisle way and 12x20 run-in shelter
- ▶ Two hay/storage lofts

The *Stallion/Breeding/Multi-Purpose Barn* (breeding barn)

- ▶ Two 12x16 stallion stalls with adjoining paddocks
- ▶ Breeding courtyard with stocks, a chicken house and ample storage for hay and lumber

The *South Red Barn* (quiet barn)

- ▶ Two 12x12 stalls
- ▶ Tack room and hay storage
- ▶ Roomy 12 foot aisle way
- ▶ 12x36 overhang and adjoining pasture for 4-6 horses

The *North Run-in Barn* to accommodate 4-6 horses and adjoining pasture.

The *Riding Arena*

- ▶ Crushed chip walking horse outer path plus inner grassy area
- ▶ Separate round pen
- ▶ Gazebo with swing and picnic table

Trails spanning over 500 acres with beautiful views

- ▶ Open field trails
- ▶ Shaded, winding forest trails through the pines or hardwoods
- ▶ Challenging trails with steep inclines/descents

Seven Oaks Farms, LLC holds the belief that we are to be faithful stewards and strive for excellence in ALL that we do. Our hope is to give students unique opportunities to join us in this endeavor during their undergraduate years at Mississippi State University and perhaps enjoy a little “escape” from typical university life.



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2018-19 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM DATES:

MSU students have first priority; however, students from other colleges and universities, high-schools or home-schools may be considered. Seven Oaks Farms, LLC reserves the flexibility to modify internship descriptions and/or dates.

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FALL 2018 INTERNSHIPS

August 22, 2018 through December 13, 2018

- MSU Fall Semester (3 credit hours)
- Flexible schedule: 10-20 hours per week/150 minimum or more
- Holidays: September 3, Labor Day, October 11-12, Fall Break, and November 21-23 Thanksgiving
- **DEADLINE:** August 29, 2018 (MSU last day to add a course-8:00 am)

SPRING 2019 INTERNSHIPS

January 7, 2019 through May 1, 2019

- MSU Spring Semester (3 credit hours)
- Flexible schedule: 10-20 hours per week/150 minimum or more
- Holidays: January 21, Holiday, March 11-15 Spring Break and April 19, Good Friday
- **DEADLINE:** January 14, 2019 (MSU last day to add a course-8:00 am)

SUMMER 2019 INTERNSHIPS

June 3, 2019 through August 6, 2019

- MSU Summer 10 Week Term (3 credit hours)
- 10 weeks/~20 hours per week/150 hours minimum or more
- Holiday: July 4, Independence Day
- **DEADLINE:** June 5, 2019 (MSU last day to add a course-8:00 am)

NOTE: Some work will occur during the evenings (e.g. 5-9 pm) and on weekends. This applies to ALL Internships.

For those desiring to live on-site at Seven Oaks Farms, resident internships are available on a LIMITED basis. This is especially attractive for students moving to MSU mid-year (eg during the spring as most leases run from fall semester - summer). Contact us for more information.

How to Apply:

To qualify for an internship at Seven Oaks Farms, LLC in conjunction with Mississippi State University, the student must be a fully admitted undergraduate student in good standing (not provisional) and be enrolled in an internship class. Award of the internship is based upon availability and satisfactory performance in assigned duties and academic program. In addition, the MSU intern is expected to comply with all federal and state laws, all policies of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, all Mississippi State University policies and all Seven Oaks Farms, LLC policies. Seven Oaks Farms, LLC reserves the right to terminate any internship based upon unsatisfactory performance and/or concern regarding imminent harm to the individual, horse or property. Students with internships from other colleges or universities are expected to comply with their institution's policies.

Fill out, sign and email the Internship Application and Reference form along with your resume to sevenoaksstables@gmail.com. Initial interviews may be conducted on-campus or via FaceTime or skype.com. For students chosen for a second interview, we require an on-farm, working interview. We realize this can be challenging for some students but feel it is very important in order for both parties to determine whether or not the job is a "good fit." We strive to set all of our interns up for success, and this is an important aspect of doing so. If you are not willing or able to come to the farm for an interview at this time, please wait until you can before applying. Once accepted into the program, you will be required to sign an offer letter, confidentiality agreement, liability waiver, emergency medical information form along with any other pertinent forms.

NOTE: Currently, photography and videography is allowed but **must be approved** by Seven Oaks Farms, LLC before sharing on social media, using within a resume, project, etc. Failure to abide by this policy will result in the immediate termination of internship and possible legal action for any damages caused to the reputation of Seven Oaks Farms, LLC, its members or its employees.