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Farm Maintenance Internship Details

The **Farm Maintenance Internship** at Seven Oaks Farms, LLC is designed to provide participants real, hands-on experience in maintaining the facilities of a Tennessee Walking Horse (TWH)/Spotted Saddle Horse (SSH) farm. This position is available to students desiring to make an impact on the beautification, utilization and functionality of a horse farm while honing skills in a unique environment. This position requires teamwork, physical strength and stamina (especially during the hot summer and fall), careful attention to detail plus the ability to stay calm under pressure.

The Farm Maintenance Intern will be assigned maintenance tasks to include but not limited to the following:

- Maintain, repair and/or construct fences, hanging fans, buckets, hay racks, etc.
- Mow around pastures and/or weed-eat fence lines and around barns
- Remove (with assistance) and power-wash stall/aisle mats, prep/level stall floors and return mats (with assistance)
- · Spray specific herbicides around barn and in riding arena as well as pastures
- · Assist in maintaining current trails and/or clearing new trails
- · Muck and clean stalls and replenish shavings in stalls
- Work with other interns as needed
- Other duties as assigned

Desired applicants will have a background that includes traditional maintenance jobs pertaining to a farm such as fencemending, bush-hogging, lawn-mowing, weed-eating and other maintenance/construction type tasks. This position will require strength and stamina (especially during the hot summer and fall) plus careful attention to detail. The ability to notice when equipment is malfunctioning or needs attention is vital. Applicants for this position <u>MUST be coachable</u> and able to follow the instruction provided. Farm Maintenance Interns are expected to bring their own personal equipment (boots, clothing, work gloves, insect repellent, sunscreen, water/beverage bottle and snack, etc.).

Minimum qualifications include:

- Must be at least 18 years old
- · Must be a self-starter with willingness to learn and possess good communication skills
- · Must adapt to practices and follow procedures of Seven Oaks Farms, LLC
- Must be responsible, accountable and focused while working (not on cell phone or otherwise distracted)
- · Must be willing to sign confidentiality agreement and liability waiver

Preferred qualifications include:

- Experience in working with horses
- Must be able to lift a minimum of 50 pounds
- Experience in mending fences, repairing stalls, installing stable accessories, etc.
- · Experience in operating farm/lawn equipment

Desired additional qualifications include:

· Barn construction skills including use of various power tools and equipment

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.