



SEVEN OAKS FARMS, LLC

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

Stable Hand Internship Details

The **Stable Hand Internship** at Seven Oaks Farms, LLC is designed to provide participants real, hands-on experience in the care of facilities and individual horses while offering interns the unique opportunity to work with some of the most unique spotted Tennessee Walking Horses (TWHs) in the industry. This is a position which benefits from a working knowledge of horses, general maintenance skills and solid communication skills. 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 **Stable Hand Intern** will be assigned tasks to include, but not limited to the following:

- Groom/bathe horses, apply fly spray and routinely observe horses for any injury/illness
- Hold horses for farrier and move or rotate stalled and/or pastured horses
- Adhere to feeding, cleaning, supplement, deworming and/or medication schedules and update records accordingly
- Muck stalls, level mats and replenish with fresh shavings
- Monitor fly magnet jars and refill as necessary (we do not use pesticides)
- Maintain organized tack room and clean tack as needed
- Observe and do any other cleaning necessary in stalls (e.g. level mats, remove bird droppings from ledges, etc.)
- Inform the Farm Manager and Farm Maintenance Intern of any major repairs or maintenance required
- Keep stable, tack room, and utility room areas tidy
- Re-stock the feed room(s) by unloading 50# bags of feed into bins and stocking each area with hay and other general barn cleaning duties (cleaning barn aisles and sweeping down cobwebs, dirt dabber nests, etc.)
- Work with other interns as needed
- Other duties as assigned.

Desired applicants will have a background that includes traditional stable duties pertaining to a horse farm such as feeding and administering supplements or medications, mucking stalls, cleaning tack, maintaining an orderly and tidy environment OR a strong desire to work around horses and quickly learn those tasks. This position will require strength and stamina (especially during the hot summer and fall) plus careful attention to detail. Applicants for this position **MUST be coachable** and able to follow the instruction provided. Stable Hand 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
- Experience as a stable hand (with horses you own or with another barn)
- Must be able to lift a minimum of 50 pounds
- Must be adaptable to the practices of Seven Oaks Farms

Desired additional qualifications include:

- Experience in mending fences, repairing stalls, installing stall accessories, etc.
- Experience in operating farm/lawn equipment
- 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.