



SEVEN OAKS FARMS, LLC

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

Training Internship Details

The Training Internship at Seven Oaks Farms, LLC is designed to immerse participants in the day-to-day training of the flat-shod Tennessee Walking Horse (TWH) and Spotted Saddle Horse (SSH) by giving them the unique opportunity to work with some of the most unique spotted TWHs in the industry. This is a position which requires routine, repetitive action (four hours per day/five days per week is preferred). 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. Applicants for this position **MUST** be coachable and follow the instruction provided.

The **Training Intern** will be assigned tasks to include, but not limited to the following:

- Tack up, ride, cool down, and untack finished horses that need exercise or a tune-up
- Ride show horses with close supervision and instruction
- Ground work young horses including manners, lead, whoa, back, park and lunge with and without long lines
- Ride very green horses under saddle - first in round pen, next in arena and finally on trail
- Work with farrier by exhibiting current gait and/or describing any potential gait issues (e.g. step-pacing, short striding, etc.) for assigned horses
- Work with dentist and describe any bit-related issues
- Participate in local and/or out-of-town/state shows (TBD)
- Work with other interns as needed and other duties as assigned

Desired applicants will have a strong foundation in groundwork and training basics including ground manners, leading, parking out, lunging, starting under saddle plus arena and trail riding. Experience with the TWH is a major plus. Applicant must have a strong desire to learn regardless of their level of experience, because no matter how long or how much exposure one has, something new and/or different may always be learned. Training interns are expected to bring their own personal training equipment (helmet, boots, clothing, work gloves, insect repellent, sunscreen, water/beverage bottle and snack, etc.). Tack/training tools will be provided, but training interns are encouraged to bring his/her own (subject to approval - e.g. many quarter horse saddles do not fit a TWH). Most of our saddles are a 15-16 inch western; however, we do have a couple of saddle seat saddles.

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
- Experienced rider (Western or English)

Preferred qualifications include:

- Experience/exposure in ground-working (manners, leading, lunging, etc.)
- Experience/exposure in working with and/or riding “green” horses
- Must be able to lift a minimum of 50 pounds

Desired additional qualifications include:

- Knowledge and understanding of the TWH and its gaits
- Experience in training, riding, showing or trail riding the TWH
- Experience with handling and riding a TWH breeding stallion
- Knowledge of proper trimming and shoeing of the TWH
- Knowledge of working with and/or imprinting foals

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.