



WORKING STUDENT/INTERN POSITIONS

Mission: To bring the healing effects of horses, movement, nature and supportive community to autism families, veterans with PTSD, children and adults with ADD/ADHD, anxiety, and related conditions free of charge using Movement Method and The Horse Boy Method.

Working Students

Our working student program is a six- eight-week placement. In your time here you will be participating in regular ranch related work caring for our wonderful critters as well as playdates with the kids and work with the horses. We focus on building self-image, one student at a time. Accomplishing not just a new physical skill or emotional breakthrough but providing a context for the student to experience a new sense of self-worth by doing meaningful work alongside their peers, instructors and volunteers.

Our facilities are surrounded by ranchland and open space, offering the healing power of farm/ranch life and healthy outdoor activity. We are aligned with Horse Boy™ and Movement Method. Using classical riding as our foundation, this method enables you and the horse to work together using a clear, stress-free language, with lightness and suppleness and can be achieved by any type of horse and rider within any riding discipline.

We customize the working student program to your needs and accommodate longer programs at various Horse Boy and Movement Method locations around the world. Education includes the Horse Boy Method 1 certification course and three riding and/or in-hand lessons per week. Costs will vary.

Internships

Internship programming and timeframes are customized to each college student's needs and college requirements. Working closely with Smiling Goat Ranch staff, interns will directly assist with weekly play date sessions for autism families; weekly special needs classes with the local school district; quarterly veteran programs; recovery groups; women in trauma; and special events for all groups we serve. Interns will also create new and update past unmounted and mounted curriculum for Smiling Goat Ranch programs using Movement Method and The Horse Boy Method including: specialty programs, summer programs, and volunteer educational opportunities. Interns will organize and update educational resources for participants, volunteers and training/education.

Recreation Therapy Internships

Internship programming and timeframes are customized to each college student's needs and college requirements. The Recreation Therapy internship will consist of a minimum of 560 hours and 14 consecutive weeks. The Recreation Therapy intern will be directly supervised by the CTRS. Working closely with Smiling Goat Ranch staff and volunteers, interns will directly assist with weekly play date sessions for autism families; school groups; quarterly veteran groups; recovery groups; women's trauma groups; facility tours; and special events for all populations we serve. They will be exposed to the NCTRC content areas, including but not limited to assessment, planning, implementation, evaluation, documentation, and managing RT services. The goal of the internship is to prepare the intern for certification and successful employment in any RT setting.