

Horse Instruction Counselor



C5 Youth Foundation Of Southern California

C5 Youth Foundation of Southern California is a five-year leadership development program. C5LA recruits high-potential, socio-economically disadvantaged youth from under-resourced areas of Los Angeles and provides resources, support, opportunities and experiences that enable them to realize their potential so they may actively seek higher education and grow into tomorrow's leaders.

The first year experience is at Camp Paintrock in Wyoming where in-coming freshmen travel far from home and far out of their comfort zones. At camp students gain new experiences, and learn leadership skills through high adventure activities including, horseback riding, rappelling, camping and aquatic activities. Also, participants engage in social awareness and leadership programming to understand how to address challenges in their lives and how to achieve their goals.

The role and expectation of the Horse Instruction Counselor is to introduce new experiences while creating a comfortable learning environment and teach hard skills pertaining to riding, animal interaction and other horsemanship activities. When not conducting specific horse activities, staff serve in Camp Counselor role. Staff provide an experience that:

- Develops self-confidence
- Develops maturity and responsibility
- Is fun and memorable

Staff members are responsible for developing the leadership, decision-making and teamwork skills of C5LA participants, while themselves participating in all other camp activities.

Additional Duties

- Execute C5LA program curriculum and collaborate with C5LA Program Supervisors to development lesson plans to conduct horse instruction program including riding, and animal interaction and care
- Plan and coordinate off-site trail rides
- [For Lead Instructor] Direct duties for Assistant Instructor
- Set up and maintain facilities including corral, arena, stables, tack rooms, and related equine equipment storage areas
- Evaluate and provide care for the health and safety of at least a dozen horses
- Teach and monitor proper use of equipment as well as regularly check for safety, cleanliness, and good repair
- Teach Staff their responsibilities in the various horse instruction activities
- Adhere to and enforce appropriate safety regulations and emergency procedures
- Identify and respond to environmental and other hazards related to activities
- These are not the only duties. Some duties may be reassigned and other duties may be assigned as required

Qualifications

- Ability to develop, execute and supervise a safe and challenging program that meets the organization's goals
- Documented training and experience in equine activities including horse care, instructing, and stable facilities management including fencing, pasture rotation and feeding
- Current related certifications (i.e. first aid/cpr, CHA accreditation, horsemanship safety)
- At least 18 years of age and one year removed from high school
- Ability to evaluate abilities of participants to match appropriately with horses
- Ability to supervise and work with participants in various activities and environments, and relate to teen groups at various life stages
- Ability to accept supervision and guidance under flexible circumstances
- Good show of character, integrity, adaptability, enthusiasm, sense of humor, patience, and self-control
- Strong capability to live away from home for an extended period (on-site staff training, two four-week sessions) and maintain mental and emotional presence
- Physical ability and stamina to fulfill specific responsibilities in outdoor summer environment (including tasks such as lifting equipment, swimming, hiking, horseback riding, instructing and managing participants in open outdoor environment)