

A ranch hand is a girl who helps with the weekend troop horseback riding and other horse events at [Camp Conestoga](#). Girls are selected thru a personal interview and a riding skill demonstration.

## TO APPLY:

1. Complete the ranch hand application by deadline date.
2. Once the Horse Riding Instructor has received the completed application, she will contact each applicant to arrange for an interview and a riding skill demonstration.
3. Selection will be based on application information, personal interview, and riding skill demonstration.
4. If selected, applicant must attend ranch hand training.

## QUALIFICATIONS:

- ◆ Registered Girl Scout – currently in grade 8-12
- ◆ Saddle and bridle independently
- ◆ Halter and lead a horse
- ◆ Independently mount and dismount a horse
- ◆ Handle and control a horse at all gaits in the open
- ◆ Positive attitude to work and help younger Girl Scouts ride
- ◆ Emotional maturity

## INTERVIEW AND RIDING DEMONSTRATION:

- ◆ The interview and demonstration will be held at Camp Conestoga Equestrian Facility.
- ◆ The riding demonstration will include all of the above mentioned qualifications.
- ◆ Interview and riding demonstration will require about 30-60 minutes.
- ◆ Arrive dressed to ride.

## INTERVIEW DATES

You will be contacted for your interview date.

## TRAINING DATES

We have training in the fall of each year held at Camp Conestoga Equestrian Facility. Dates are announced each year. Cost for the training is \$35.

The attached application must be mailed one month prior to training to: Attn: Joanne Dumar–Ranch Hand Program, GSEIWI, 2011 Second Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201.

If you have any questions, contact Joanne Dumar, Ranch Hand Program Manager, (563) 349-6149 or eMail <mailto:JoAnneD@gseiwi.org>.



# Ranch Hand Application

Please fill form out completely.

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Applicant First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  Apt  Lot  PO Box Number \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Troop/Group Number \_\_\_\_\_

Girl Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of School \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs (allergies, physical or dietary restrictions, medications, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please document your experience with horses (include when and where):**

Troop Riding:

Resident Horse Camp:

Other related horse experience:

Give a brief outline of your experience working with younger children:

List any leadership positions that you have held (include troop, school, church, community, etc.):

List any training programs in which you have participated. (i.e. First Aid, Program Aide, Leader-In-Training, etc.):

Describe why you are interested in becoming a ranch hand:

List dates and times available for interview

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Applicant's Signature

Date

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Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date