

Girl Scout Adult Volunteer Description

SUMMARY

The Trail Leader provides a safe, quality horseback riding experience for Girl Scout troops, groups and individuals.

PARTNERS WITH

- Equestrian Program Manager

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assists with weekend troop horseback riding and workshops for a minimum of two weekends each year.
- Demonstrates experience in handling, caring for and teaching about horses or a willingness to learn.
- Arrives in time to prepare horses for riding, including grooming, saddling and bridling.
- Greets troops upon arrival and presents basic overview of riding lesson, which includes safety discussion, assigning riders to suitable horse, riding lesson in arena and trail ride (if appropriate to group).
- Assists with workshop lessons and activities.
- Supervises all riders during riding sessions and follows safety and riding rules at all times.
- Checks horse and tack conditions periodically throughout the day and reports any concerns to charge person.
- Uses proper care with horses and equipment.
- After riding sessions are completed for the day, unsaddles horses, returns tack to proper location and returns horses to holding pen.
- Accepts guidance and supervision from equestrian program manager or designated charge person, including the decision to cancel riding due to inclement weather.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- **Girl Focus:** Helps girls set realistic, clearly defined goals/objectives to experience the New Girl Scout Leadership experience and achieve outcomes via Discover, Connect, and Take Action
- **Adaptability:** Adjusts and modifies own behavior, and remains flexible and tolerant in response to changing situations and environments
- **Fostering Diversity:** Understands differences and embraces differences
- **Oral Communication:** Expresses ideas clearly and concisely
- **Personal Integrity:** Demonstrates honesty, credibility and dependability