



Bright Horizons Therapeutic Riding Center
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VOLUNTEER CARD
(Please print clearly)

Date: _____ Email address: _____

Name: _____ Date of birth: _____

Phone: H C W (____) _____ Phone: H C W (____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Are you here for School Community Service? _____ School: _____

What is your Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Does your company have a volunteer program, or match volunteer hours? Y N

Company name _____ Phone: (____) _____

Do you have any hobbies or special interest?

(Second Language, Painting, Cooking, Sewing, Mechanics, Computers, Etc)

Where did you hear about BHR? _____

What are the best times you are available?

SKILLS/EXPERIENCE:

_____ Word Processing
_____ Fundraising
_____ Grant Writing

_____ Computers
_____ Construction
_____ Other (please describe)

I AM INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

_____ In Class, Assisting Riders and Horses
_____ Office Assistance
_____ Special Events (Horse Show, Auction)

_____ Horse & Equipment Care
_____ Board/Committee Member
_____ Public Relations

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN ASSIST BRIGHT HORIZONS:

_____ Construction

_____ Office Assistant

Class Volunteer Questionnaire

Your answers to the following questions will help us to place you in an appropriate class, recognize a potential match for additional volunteer activities, and identify possible supplementary training opportunities. Thank you for your time!

Inspiration

Please describe why you would like to volunteer at BHR, including what you hope to get out of your experience as a volunteer.

Horsiness (Note: Horsiness is not a requirement for volunteering at Bright Horizons!)

Have you ever owned or leased a horse? **Yes** or **No**

Have you had horseback riding lessons?

English? **Yes** or **No** If Yes, how many years?
Western? **Yes** or **No** If Yes, how many years?

Do you have any fears dealing with Horses? **Yes** or **No** (if yes, please describe)

Have you participated in horseback riding competitions? **Yes** or **No**

How would you rate your ground handling skills?

(Please rate on a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being least confident and 5 most confident)

Grooming	1	2	3	4	5
Leading	1	2	3	4	5
Lunging	1	2	3	4	5
Bathing	1	2	3	4	5
Tacking	1	2	3	4	5

Do you have experience with therapeutic horseback riding? **Yes** or **No**

If yes, in what capacity, where and for how long?

Health Department

What is your height? _____

Do you have any physical limitations that would prevent you from doing any of the following?

Yes or **No** Lift up to 20 pounds above your head (saddle)

Yes or **No** Walk for an hour on uneven surfaces, **recent back, knee or ankle injuries?**

Yes or **No** Jog for several minutes (to keep up with a trotting horse)

Yes or **No** Hold your arm raised and out to the side for up to an hour at a time (to support a rider as a sidewalker)

If you responded Yes to any of the above, please explain below.

Do you have any allergies (horses, hay, pollen, cottonwood, etc.)?

Do you have any phobias (e.g. dogs, bees, blood, etc.)? **Yes** or **No** If Yes, please explain.

Social Studies

Would you be comfortable touching, i.e. physically supporting, riders during mounting, riding or dismounting? **Yes** or **No**

Do you have any experience dealing with persons with disabilities? **Yes** or **No**

If No, do you have any reservations about working with people who may not have complete control over their verbalizations or bodies (e.g. drooling, shouting, involuntary hitting, etc.)? **Yes** or **No**

If Yes, please describe.

Would you be comfortable asking questions and letting the Instructor or Volunteer Coordinator know how you are doing and if you have any concerns? (We need you and want you to be as happy as possible. Communication is the key!) **Yes** or **No**

Are you comfortable dealing with change and uncertainty? (For example, due to the very nature of our mission, there may be changes in tack or horses from week to week, riders may cancel due to health issues, instructors may re-assign leader/sidewalker roles depending on rider needs, etc.) **Yes** or **No**

Your Comments/Questions

VOLUNTEER CONSENT FORM

NAME (print): _____

PHONE: _____



PHOTO RELEASE

For valuable consideration given and which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby grants permission to Bright Horizons Therapeutic Riding Center to take or have taken still and moving photographs and films, including television footage.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

I understand that at Bright Horizons Therapeutic Riding Center, there is certain information that is available to me but is considered confidential. It is to be used only for facilitating the goals and objectives of the individual rider, according to the direction of the instructor or therapist. In consideration of the right to privacy of the students and their families, I understand the need to use appropriate discretion in written comments and in related conversations with volunteers, staff, family, or the general public. Any breach of this confidentiality will prove reason for my dismissal. I _____ have read and understand the above statement of confidentiality and agree to abide by these terms and conditions.

Volunteer's Signature: _____

Date: _____



LIABILITY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS

I, a volunteer, wish to participate in **Bright Horizons Therapeutic Riding Center** at **Walker Farms** located in Logsdon, OR. I understand this may be a high risk activity and I am participating at my own risk. I, individually, and/or parent or guardian of a volunteer, hereby release and hold harmless Bright Horizons Therapeutic Riding Center and Walker Farms, and all members of the organization, employees, officers, and agents from all liability for accidents, damage, death, injury or illness to me and horse owners, riders and attendants suffered during or in connection with my volunteer work with Bright Horizons Therapeutic Riding Center at Walker Farms. I have completed the volunteer orientation and understand that classes depend upon my being there. Should I not be able to make class, I agree to call at least 24 hours in advance so a substitute can be arranged. I also understand that **Bright Horizons Therapeutic Riding Center** and **Walker Farms** is not responsible for accident or injury to myself, or any lost or stolen property. **Bright Horizons Therapeutic Riding Center** and **Walker Farms** reserves the right to ask or remove me from a particular class and utilizes me elsewhere where help is most needed.

Volunteer's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

(Signature of parent/guardian (if under 18))

VOLUNTEER CONDUCT PLEDGE

Volunteers in the Bright Horizons program are vitally important and highly valued. You will have opportunities to meet families of riders you work with, as well as helping in special events. We welcome you to our program and will give you the necessary training needed to assist our riders, care for the horses, and become capable representatives of the BHR mission. The following guidelines outline what behavior is expected while performing as a BHR Volunteer.

Volunteers must:

- Complete an application and liability release before working with horses and/or riders.
- Attend a volunteer training session.
- Be at least 14 years of age, or obtain special permission from BHR staff and parental consent.
- Remain committed throughout the quarter you signed up for, and to call ahead when you are unable to make it to your class.
- Not possess, use, or be under the influence of alcohol and/or illegal drugs while in any BHR class or volunteering at any BHR event, meeting, or activity.
- Not use obscene or discriminatory language in any BHR class, event, meeting, or activity.
- Dress conservatively and appropriately at all times when on BHR premises as while volunteering for a BHR event.
- Handle BHR horses as you are trained at Bright Horizon, which includes to never strike, hit, slap, jerk, or discipline the program horses in any manner.
- Report the mistreatment of the horses to BHR staff immediately.
- Respect individual confidentiality, rights, safety, and property of others whether they are staff, riders, or fellow volunteers.
- Not discriminate in any practices on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, political association, sexual orientation, age, mental condition or disability.
- Always inform the Program Director if there is a change of address, phone number or emergency contact.
- Inform staff immediately if you have an injury or condition that would compromise safety to yourself, the rider, or others during your scheduled volunteer time.
- Turn off cell phones to avoid being distracted while with a rider or working in the barn.
- Follow established processes to report horse behaviors which are out of the norm to your instructor or therapist before you leave the Bright Horizon property for the day.

Volunteer's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____
(Signature of parent/guardian/Caregiver (if under 18))

Date: _____

Background Check

The undersigned applicant acknowledges that Oregon law requires employees and volunteers who have regularly scheduled unsupervised access to children under the age of 16 years, developmentally disabled persons, or vulnerable adults, to provide the following statement and the subject to background checks concerning adjudication of certain civil and criminal matters identified in RCW 43.43.8340 – Background Checks – Access to Children or Vulnerable Persons – Definitions. I acknowledge notice that Bright Horizons Therapeutic Riding Center may conduct an inquiry of me as permitted by statute.

Also, as required by statute, I am disclosing the extent to which there has been a civil adjudication or criminal conviction regarding the following matters:

Applicant of Inquiry (please provide as much information as possible: name and date of birth are mandatory)

(please print full name clearly)

Applicant's Name

(Last) _____ (first) _____ (middle) _____

Alias/Maiden

Names(s): _____

Date of Birth: (month/day/year) _____ **Sex:** _____

Race: _____

1. Convicted of any crime against children or other persons: _____ **Have Not** _____ **Have Been**
Explanation: _____

2. Convicted of crimes relating to financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult:
_____ **Have Not** _____ **Have Been**
Explanation: _____

3. Found to have sexually assaulted, exploited or physically abused a minor in a dependency action under RCW 13.34.040: _____ **Have Not** _____ **Have Been**
Explanation: _____

4. Found to have sexually assaulted, exploited or physically abused a minor in a domestic relations proceedings, Title 26 RCW: _____ **Have Not** _____ **Have Been**
Explanation: _____

5. Found in any disciplinary board final decision to have sexually abused or exploited any minor or developmentally disabled person or to have abused or financially exploited any vulnerable adult: _____ **Have Not** _____ **Have Been**
Explanation: _____

6. Found in a court in a protection proceeding under Chapter 74.34 RCW to have abused or financially exploited a vulnerable adult: _____ **Have Not** _____ **Have Been**
Explanation: _____

I UNDERSTAND **BRIGHT HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER** MAY INSTITUTE AN OREGON STATE PHYSICAL AND CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TERMINATE MY VOLUNTEER SERVICE.

SIGNATURE OF VOLUNTEER: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN (IF UNDER 18) _____