

VOLUNTEER TRAINING ORIENTATIONS

Our Volunteer Training Orientations provide the initial and ongoing training for our volunteers. This training enables them to work with children and adults with special needs so they can experience therapeutic horseback riding as an alternative therapy. Our students make remarkable improvements in their balance, core strength, speech, and cognitive development because of the support they receive from the seventy-some volunteers that come to the Stable each week. Even though our volunteers are of all ages and experience levels, they have one thing in common - they give with their whole hearts, and they are committed to making meaningful connections with our riders – our volunteers operate at the intersection of need and joy.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING ORIENTATION 2023 SCHEDULE

- **WINTER ORIENTATION – January 7, 2023**
- **SPRING ORIENTATION – March 25, 2023**
- **SUMMER ORIENTATION – June 3, 2023**
- **FALL ORIENTATION – August 26, 2023**

All Volunteer Training Orientations begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Eagles' Wings Stable Arena, 5730 N. Washington Road, Piqua, OH. We have ongoing volunteer needs in the areas listed below. All volunteers must be at least 14 years old, unless a waiver is granted by our Volunteer Coordinator:

- **Barn Buddies** – Each volunteer helps one day per week by cleaning two to three stalls. They provide fresh water for the horses and sweep the center aisle. This is typically a two-hour commitment per week.
- **Arena Volunteers** – Arena volunteers either lead a horse or walk beside the horse to support the rider. Class sessions run for eight weeks. This is a 1-hour commitment per week for eight weeks.
- **Other Volunteer Opportunities** - Taking photos of our horses and riders and telling our riders' and volunteers' stories through journals. This commitment can vary.

If you cannot commit to a regular schedule and if you are interested in helping on an as-needed basis, we are always looking for substitutes in all areas. If you are ready to join our team, please complete our **Volunteer Application Form** to match your expertise to our schedule – <https://www.eagleswingsstable.org/new-volunteer-forms>; and then come to one of our scheduled Volunteer Training Orientations.