



Internship Program

2019-2020

WEISBERG STABLES LLC

1500 SE Ranch Road | Jupiter, FL 33478



Weisberg Stables offers a unique internship program for undergraduate students with an interest in Equine Management, Equine Breeding, Equine Assisted Learning and Therapeutic Riding Instruction. The program gives participants a unique opportunity to work with a variety of equines (miniature horses, mustangs, quarter horses, Welsh Ponies, Appaloosa, and miniature donkeys) in their daily care and management, breeding, training and use in therapeutic programs following an International research based curriculum.

Weisberg Stables is a 20-acre private equestrian facility and farm that operates a variety of philanthropic programs serving at risk youth, children in foster care, veterans, elderly and individuals with special needs.

Programs offered by Weisberg Stables:

- Miniature Horse Breeding
- Therapeutic Riding program
- Youth Riding programs
- Equine Assisted Learning
- Farm Tours & Educational programs
- Sensory Petting Zoo
- Clinics (natural horsemanship, liberty training, obstacles)
- Internship programs
- Volunteer programs



Program Goal:

The goal of this internship program is to encourage careers and provide opportunities for hands-on experience and participation in equine management, equine assisted learning, foaling, mare care and therapeutic riding programs.

Program Description:

Weisberg Stables Internship program is designed to immerse participants in the daily operations of a working farm and provide participants with a unique opportunity to work with a variety of equines in their daily care and management, breeding, training and use in therapeutic programs. Through education and interaction students gain experience working with a variety of equine professionals and interacting with the public and local community throughout the process. Interns can expect to gain significant equine husbandry experience, receive basic training in natural horsemanship and a variety of desensitizing techniques, learn about horse psychology and its application in everyday handling and training, and participate in a variety of therapeutic programs involving equines.



The program is tailored to those with a desire to obtain a career in equine management, equine breeding, equine assisted learning, or therapeutic riding instruction.

Please be aware that this is physically demanding program; interns will be expected to assist with the completion of barn chores on a daily basis (including but not limited to: mucking stalls and paddocks, washing water troughs, buckets and feed bowls, lifting bags of feed and bales of hay, sweeping, grooming, bathing, turning out/bringing in horses, setting up arena for programs, tacking up, untacking and cleaning tack).

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, should be enrolled in an equine science program, and have previous experience working with horses.

Interns will develop teamwork and leadership skills by caring for a population of 25+ horses, learning from knowledgeable staff, coordinating enthusiastic volunteers, participating in and assisting with philanthropic and therapeutic programs and other community outreach programs.



Upcoming Program Dates:

		Application Deadline
Winter 2019	December 1- Feb 28, 2020	November 5, 2019
Spring 2020:	March 1- May 15, 2020	February 7, 2020
Summer 2020:	CLOSED	CLOSED
Fall 2020:	August 15- October 30, 2020	June 15, 2020

Please note: *Foaling is done in during the Spring Session, EAL programs run in the Spring and Fall, and Equine Management, Broodmare management and Therapeutic Riding Instruction is done during Spring, Fall, and Winter.*

Internship Job Description

- General care and maintenance of entire equine population to include grooming, bathing, clipping, tacking up etc.
- Maintaining facility in a clean, orderly and safe manner
- General daily cleaning and maintenance of stalls and paddocks to include: mucking stalls and paddocks; cleaning and replenishing waters and salt blocks; washing water buckets, water troughs and feed bowls; removing cobwebs; sweeping; minor maintenance; and cleaning fans.
- Feed management. Preparing and distributing feed and hay.
- Record Keeping. Logging animal health, training, weight, temperatures, farrier visits, hoof treatments, etc.
- Volunteer coordination. Matching volunteers with appropriate tasks based on staff instruction, assisting volunteers in completing tasks correctly, fulfilling needs in the presence and absence of volunteers, enforce farm safety rules and regulations, educating and training volunteers.
- Educational Tours and Community outreach.
- Training horses with groundwork and desensitizing exercises to prepare them for use in EAL or therapeutic riding program.
- Other duties as assigned by owner or manager
- Assisting with therapeutic programs (set up, break down, fitting children with helmets, passing out materials, assisting participants with horses)
- Media/Marketing. Preparing materials for media, giving tours to media. Assisting with photo/video/text for program marketing materials.

Internship FAQ

Where is Weisberg Stables located?

Weisberg Stables is located in South Florida in an area known as Jupiter Farms. We are conveniently located near the Florida Turnpike and Interstate 95. Jupiter was rated as the 12th Best Beach in America and the 9th best Seaside Town and is 25 minutes north of West Palm Beach.

What kind of weather should I expect?

South Florida is known for its warm climate with the hot season lasting from June to the end of September with temperatures above *86°F*. The weather is most enjoyable from October to April with average temperatures around *77°F*.

What should I bring?

You should bring riding pants, breeches, riding tights, khaki pants or jeans (with no holes) and sun shirts, hats, sunglasses, comfortable closed-toe shoes, and sun protection. A Weisberg Stables Polo shirt will be provided to you to wear when working. For your off hours and free time Florida is casual and residents wear flip flops year round.

Are accommodations provided?

Accommodations are not provided however a housing stipend of \$100 per week is provided. There are a number of short term rental options included furnished housing that may be available.

What is the compensation?

All interns are paid \$9.00 per hour plus any applicable overtime.

Do I need to be currently enrolled in a college or university to participate?

Although this internship is created for college students (or recent graduates who are interested in gaining work experience), it is not a mandatory requirement that you are currently enrolled in a college program. However, students not currently enrolled in an equine or animal science program should have some prior working experience in a barn.

What are the time periods available for internships?

Please see our schedule with application deadlines.

How soon before my start date should I arrive?

Ideally, you should plan to arrive at least 1 day but no more than 3 days before your internship begins.

Do I need to bring a car?

Having a vehicle will make it easier for you to get around as nothing is really walking distance. However, some students may choose to utilize a service such as Uber or Lyft. Public transportation is not an option in our area as it is quite a walk from the nearest bus stop to our farm.

What will my schedule be like?

Shifts are given in advance and vary. Shifts are generally between 6-10 hours per day and begin between 7-8AM.

How many hours per week will I work?

You will generally be scheduled 35-45 hours per week. You may be required to work additional hours in the event of an emergency or during foaling season.

Am I allowed to bring my own horse?

No. Unfortunately we do not have the space for additional horses at Weisberg Stables.

Is smoking allowed on the premises?

No. Weisberg Stables is a non-smoking facility and smoking is not permitted anywhere on the property.

Will I be able to work with a veterinarian and farrier?

Yes, the vet and farrier are typically scheduled several times per month. Due to our great working relationship with them there are opportunities to observe and/or assist them.

Will I be involved with educational or therapeutic work?

You will have opportunities to observe and assist our facilitator or trainer. However due to certification requirements you will not be able to actively teach unless you have completed your PATH certification course and are a recognized student in training.

Will I have an opportunity to ride the horses?

Riding is not part of this internship. Any opportunity that may arise to ride will be based on multiple factors beginning with the student's riding ability and the availability of a staff member to oversee riding. Riding should not be a

consideration in participation in this program and would only be an added bonus and surprise.

Will I be involved in training the horses?

Hopefully. The extent of the training you will do during your internship is based on your experience level, the chores being performed in a reasonable amount of time and availability of a staff trainer. You are primarily here to get hands-on training in the barn and learn more about equine management, breeding, and providing therapeutic programs utilizing a variety of equines.

What should I do before my arrival?

Read everything you can about Weisberg Stables on our website. Research the area and have a plan for your housing and what you can do during your time off to make the most of your internship. Write out 3 goals for yourself during your internship to discuss with your manager on your first day. We want to be intentional about your goals so that we can assure that you are getting out of the internship what you need.

How do I apply?

To apply, complete the online application under the Equine Internship tab on our website.