

Majestic Hills Ranch was founded in 1997 and offers a low cost equine assisted activities and therapies for children and young adults with special needs. We serve riders from the ages of 2 to 25 living in all socio-economic levels in the Minneapolis/St. Paul seven county metro area.

These children are diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy, Autism, Down Syndrome, ADHD, ADD, cancer, paraplegia, are developmentally delayed, or face other physical, emotional, or mental challenges.

What is required to volunteer?

Each rider can require up to three volunteers to assist them with their lesson. This means we may need at least 30 volunteers per day or about 120 per week. We ask for a four hour commitment from our volunteers whether it is once a week or once a month.

The program is set up as (3) seven week sessions starting in May and runs through October, with classes being held in the evenings Monday—Thursday. Morning classes will be offered in the summer session.



Volunteer trainings will be offered before each session. Horse experience is NOT required for volunteering, just the ability to walk for an hour and a willingness to work with our fantastic riders.

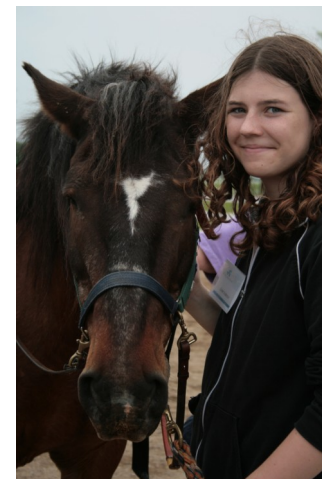
Volunteer need to be at least 16 years old or 14 years old with a parent / guardian / sibling of at least 18 years also volunteering.

Volunteer Job Description

One of the primary volunteers working with the children is a “Leader” who has more experience with horses and is responsible for leading and controlling the horse during the riding lessons. In addition, they may need to bring the horses in from the pasture, make sure



they are groomed, tacked, and ready to go. “Sidewalkers” greet the children when they arrive, help them get their helmets, relay instructions from the instructor during the lesson, and assist as needed. For safety they brace the children in the saddle when necessary; or, for participants that are more advanced in skill, simply coaching them.



In between classes, volunteers assist with various ranch chores, such as watering and feeding the animals; cleaning stalls, equipment and the lounge; and maintaining the grounds.

It is a rain or shine commitment!

*If you are interested in volunteering, or have questions or concerns, please call **Kris Zieska** at 952.888.6077 .*

You can also visit our website to download a volunteer application in .pdf format at www.MajesticHillsRanch.org.

How can I get involved?

Majestic Hills starts recruiting volunteers in February each year and it is an on-going process. If you would like to volunteer, or know of a child who could benefit from the program, please contact Kris Zieska at 952.888.6077 or 952.426.5688.

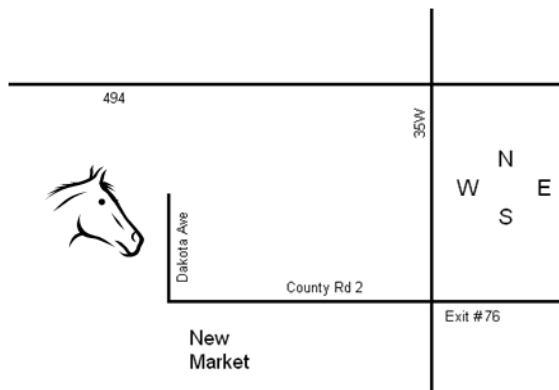
For more information, please visit our web-site at www.MajesticHillsRanch.org

Donations are always welcome!



Directions to Majestic Hills Ranch

- Take I-35 SOUTH past Burnsville and continue on I-35 SOUTH
- Take the New Market/Elko Exit (#76)
- Turn right onto County Road 2
- Continue through New Market
- Turn right onto Dakota Avenue
- Go approximately 1.5 miles. The Ranch is set 1/2 mile off the main road on the left.



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Volunteer Opportunities

“Helping Children Grow”

Vision:

To help children and young adults with physical and emotional challenges, chronic illness, or symptoms of abuse or neglect, enjoy their lives to the greatest degree possible.



Mission:

To provide children and young adults with special needs the opportunity to achieve a sense of freedom, accomplishment, and self-esteem while giving their families hope.

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