



JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Horse Care Provider –Therapeutic Horse Riding
Location:	Winter Park, CO and Granby, CO
Reports to:	Program Director
Supervises:	Volunteers
FLSA Status:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Exempt <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt
Classification:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Year Round <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Part Time

About the NSCD

We are Colorado's most comprehensive provider of adaptive outdoor experiences. We offer more programs, in more places, in more ways that change lives. The National Sports Center for the Disabled is a leading provider of adaptive outdoor recreation experiences committed to helping individuals with disabilities, their caregivers and the broader community rethink ability. Through the power of adaptive innovation, recreation and Colorado's great outdoors, we are transforming lives, families and communities and creating a world that celebrates each person's abilities.

Our exhilarating adaptive outdoor experiences help participants make the very most of their passion, their talents and their aspirations. They discover a renewed sense of confidence, reignite the pure joy of play, and find motivation to try new things, meet new people and believe in their own abilities. With industry-leading adaptive equipment, renowned coaches, instructors and volunteers and unmatched mountain and metro programs, we change the perceptions of athletes of all levels and help them, and the world, [#RethinkAbility](#).

Position Overview

The Horse Care Provider oversees all horse care and venue maintenance pertaining to the NSCD Therapeutic Riding Program. This position includes but is not limited to the upkeep of the arena, tack room, yurt, pastures, and the herd of NSCD owned and leased horses. This position manages the hay supply, feed, water, and veterinary and farrier services. Working closely with the Program Coordinator, the Horse Care Provider assists with trail rides and any other therapeutic aspects.

Job Duties

The job duties of this position are performed personally, in cooperation with your supervisor, and/or in coordination with other staff. Additional work functions and duties may be assigned.

- Maintains the health and safety of all horses in the care of NSCD.
- Leads daily care, feeding, and water for all horses.
- Recruits leased horses for the summer program, exercise/train horses as needed.
- Secures winter boarding for NSCD owned horses.
- Arranges horse healthcare such as, veterinary services, medications, hoof trims, etc.
- Orders and distributes horse feed and hay.
- Venue care to include arena maintenance, tack room upkeep and yurt upkeep.
- Maintains an accurate record of horse behavior and care.
- Operates heavy equipment including a standard shift tractor and trailer.
- Uses and maintains equipment: bridles, saddles & pads, helmets, equine care equipment, generator, pumps, feed racks, portable electric fences, standard shift vehicles, tractor, horse trailer, and other applicable tools and appliances.
- Assists during volunteer training clinics and volunteer work sessions as needed.

- Attends all required NSCD training sessions and meets standards to pass training.
- Consistently follows safety procedures and utilizes appropriate safety equipment.
- Creates and maintains a friendly, congenial, and helpful attitude while effectively dealing with guests and other employees.

Professional Performance

- Adhere to all Personnel Policies and Procedures for the Agency.
- Maintain professional standards of performance, demeanor, and appearance at all times; act as a "role model" both at and away from the Agency.
- Maintain a creative, team-building approach to job performance and seek to bring a constructive, problem solving orientation to all tasks.
- Performs all tasks and responsibilities with attention to detail and in a complete and timely manner, complying with agency policies and standards and conforming to the scheduling requirements of the job and program.
- Maintain an awareness of the agency's mission and work to promote the positive individual and social change goals it embodies.
- Exercise discretion and professional judgment at all times keeping with the responsibilities carried personally and by the agency for the care and welfare of the clients.
- Acts with honesty and integrity in all aspects of Agency business.
- Actively strive to upgrade professional skills through engaging in appropriate professional training and experience.
- Actively strive to create and maintain a culturally sensitive environment through communication and interaction that demonstrates respect for diversity, socio-economic and cultural differences.

Other duties may be assigned

Qualifications

- High School Diploma or equivalent required.
- Current CPR and Advanced First Aid, preferred.
- Two-years' experience in equine care preferred.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to implement agency vision, mission, values and strategic plan.
- Ability to handle multiple tasks and to assess and change priorities based upon agency needs.
- Strategic thinker who communicates professionally and effectively with diverse staff, volunteers, donors, prospects, and community stakeholders.
- Ability to maintain consistent exercise of discretion and confidentiality in the performance of duties.
- Ability to work with a high degree of autonomy, initiative and exercise personal judgment in a fast-paced environment with a strong sense of humor and integrity.
- Candidates must possess a Colorado driver's license, meet background check criteria and meet criteria regarding clearance to drive company vehicles including 15 passenger vans and vehicles with large towing capacity, snowmobiles, surface and aerial lifts, as required by specific job duties.

Work Schedule

This is a part time, year-round position. The work varies based on seasonal programming needs, up to 18 hours per week May – September and 8-10 hours during non-program months. This position will require weekends and/or evenings supporting the programming needs of the agency.

Salary

The base hourly pay rate for this position is \$15.00 per hour. Actual salaries will vary and may be above the range based on various factors including but not limited to experience, education, training, credentials and performance.

NSCD provides a comprehensive benefits plan including employer sponsored medical and dental benefits, employer paid life insurance and disability benefits, paid vacation, paid sick leave, paid holidays and employees may participate in the 403b retirement plan. Benefit eligibility varies depending on your employment status and the number of hours you are regularly scheduled to work.

Physical Requirements

- Able to work a majority of the time outside at high altitude in varying conditions including uneven and slick terrain and unpredictable weather and situations.
- Physically able to assist participants with adaptive recreation equipment, position adjustments, transfers, and movement during activities.
- Able to lift a minimum of 75 lbs. with assistance.
- Dexterity, auditory and visual acuity to operate computers and phones or mobile devices.
- Auditory and visual acuity to interact with guests, students, clients on a daily basis
- Able to successfully manage multiple, high priority tasks in a fast-paced and often times crowded and noisy environment.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This job description is intended to describe the general nature and level of work performed. It is not intended to be a complete list of all responsibilities, duties and skills required of employees performing this job. Furthermore, this job description does not establish a contract of employment. NSCD may change job descriptions at any time, with or without notice as service needs require.

I have read and understand this job description.

Employee Signature

Date

Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Policy

NSCD is dedicated to the principles of equal employment opportunity. We prohibit unlawful discrimination against applicants or employees on the basis of age 40 and over, race, sex, color, creed, religion, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, ancestry, citizenship, veteran status, genetic information, or any other applicable status protected by state or local law. NSCD will consider providing reasonable workplace accommodations if needed.