

ATTENTION TALLY HO FARM WORK STUDENTS

The desire for children to become work students has greatly increased over the past year and I am very excited. However, the students must have the abilities to be helpful when working at the barn. The simple jobs such as sweeping, cleaning brushes and straightening up the equipment room are not plentiful enough to keep all the children earning their practice rides. Therefore, the instructors and I have decided to implement the following program.

Work Student Certification.

Many of you know I am certified with the American Riding Instructors Association. I have taken this idea from that program and applied it to the Work Student Program now being offered at Tally Ho Farm.

Certification will be offer in three levels, Levels I – III

Requirements:

Level I

- Well rounded horseperson, capable of riding safely and tactfully on the flat
- Committed to the well being of the horse.
- Shows skills of knowledgeable care of the horse and equipment.
- Fair, Friendly and Sportsmanship attitude to all the other students and horses at the barn.

Level II

- Shows all qualities of Level I Certified Student.
- Improves their capability of riding safely and tactfully to include jumping
- Is capable of handing and grooming horses that may be more difficult due to fear or level of training.
- Shows greater knowledge of the horse's confirmation.
- Knowledgeable about different types of equipment and its uses.
- Shows the ability to be more useful and trustworthy for the instructors at the barn.

Level III

- Shows all the skills of Level I and Level II Certified Students.
- Improves their capability of riding safely and tactfully to include jumping more difficult jumps and riding more difficult horses.
- Is capable of handing and grooming horses that may be untrained.

- Is knowledgeable about horse's conformation and the conformational defects of the horse.
- Knows different riding equipment used to help train the horse.
- Shows the ability to be an assistant trainer.

Students will be required to take part in the above program to be eligible to participate as a work student. Certification will be offered approximately three times a year. Each student passing certification will be required to recertify annually to stay active in the program. I strongly feel this is necessary to guaranty the safety of all students involved.

The program will include hands on instruction for skills necessary to pass certification; role playing and speech requirements for the certification level desired. Handouts and suggested readings are available.

Fees for participation in the program: Each Four Hour Session offered for training and testing the work student will cost \$60. This does not guaranty the student to pass certification. If the instructors feel this student does not pass the requirements, the student will be asked to return to a following session before they are allowed to work at the barn as a work student.

This program is available to any student wishing to further their knowledge. You do not have to wish to be a work student to participate in the sessions. Sessions will include learning about handling horses; knowledge of tack and equipment; information on conformation of the horse and understanding how to deal with other students while teaching the skills of horsemanship. Role playing and hands-on experiences will be used to teach these skills.