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Dear Prospective Volunteer,

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with the Monmouth County Park System's SPUR sponsored therapeutic horseback riding program.

Prior to volunteering, we ask that all new volunteers complete a SPUR Volunteer application and a MCPS Volunteer in the Park Application. These applications are designed to give you information about what our SPUR volunteers need to be able to do and to give us some basic information about you as a prospective volunteer. In order to ensure the safety of everyone who participates in lessons, certain applicants may not be accepted into our program. If the SPUR program is not a good "fit" for you, we will be more than happy to direct you to a more suitable volunteer placement within the park system.

Please mail, email or fax your completed application to:

**Monmouth County Park System
Sunnyside Equestrian Center
Attn: Volunteer Coordinator
805 Newman Springs Road
Lincroft, New Jersey 07738**

Email to: Spur.sunnyside@gmail.com

Fax 732-224-1392

Upon acceptance into the volunteer training program, you will be asked to attend a 4 hour volunteer training workshop. At this point we do not know when the next training workshop will be held. In the meantime your application will be kept on file.

We ask all our volunteers to commit to helping for at least one half-hour lesson per week, same day and time each week. We have five eight week sessions throughout the year; Summer, Fall, Intersession, Winter and Spring. Total time at Sunnyside for one lesson is about one hour.

Volunteers must be at least 14 years old and must be able to walk for at least an hour and jog for short periods within that hour.

Horse experience is not required to begin helping with SPUR lessons, but we also have a need for volunteers who have enough horse experience to be comfortable grooming, tacking and leading independently to help with our other programs that we offer at Sunnyside.

Volunteers should be aware that we are required to perform background checks on anyone over 18 years of age.

Thank you for your interest in our program. If you have any questions, feel free to call (732) 224-1367, 3#.

Sincerely,

Lisa Haskell

Sunnyside Equestrian Center Program Administrator

MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM SPUR VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____
Please Print (Must be 14 years old)

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ If Student, Name of School _____

Please answer the following questions by checking "Yes" or "No":

Can you:

- Walk for one hour and jog for short periods during that hour? Yes "No
- Walk up and down the 4 steps of our mounting block while holding the rider's safety belt and part of the horse's saddle? Yes "No
- Lift a 30 pound saddle above shoulder height onto the back of a horse? Yes ""No
- Hear and respond appropriately to directions from the instructor during a lesson? Yes ""No
- Follow directions from an instructor/staff member during an emergency? "Yes ""No
- Commit to helping with a SPUR lesson one hour per week, same day and time each week, for an eight week SPUR session which runs Mondays-Fridays from about 1:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 to 1:30? "Yes ""No

How did you hear about our program? _____

Horse experience is helpful, but not required. If you do have horse experience, please describe it:

Why would you like to volunteer with SPUR? (You may continue on the back of this page or attach a page.)

At the Monmouth County Park System's SPUR sponsored therapeutic horseback riding program, the safety of our students, volunteers, and staff (both equine and human) is always our first priority. While we welcome and appreciate your desire to help with our program, it is important that you understand what will be expected of you when you attend our training workshop and help with our lessons.

Physical fitness is a must, as is the ability to focus on and follow directions, especially in unusual situations or in emergencies, which do arise on occasion. Prior horse experience is helpful, but not required; we will teach you everything you need to know to help our lessons run smoothly. To that end, we ask all of our new volunteers to come to our workshops and lessons with an open mind and a willingness to learn and follow the procedures we have found to be most safe and effective for all of our participants. Part of the workshop will involve teaching new skills and objectively and honestly assessing whether attendees will be able to be safe and effective volunteers.

After reviewing your application, we will send you a letter inviting you to attend a volunteer training workshop if we determine that volunteering would be a safe, comfortable and enjoyable activity for you.

Please sign below:

I (we) have read and understood the above description of the requirements necessary to be a SPUR volunteer.

Volunteer Signature

Parent/Guardian signature (if volunteer is under 18)

Please return this form by mail to:

Monmouth County Park System
Sunnyside Equestrian Center
Attn: Volunteer Coordinator
805 Newman Springs Road
Lincroft, New Jersey 07738

By email to: spur.sunnyside@gmail.com

By fax to: 732-229-3192

Or in person to:

Volunteer Coordinator
Sunnyside Equestrian Center
628 Middletown Lincroft Road
Lincroft, New Jersey 07738



Volunteer Application

Monmouth County Park System

805 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ 07738-1695

732-842-4000 ext. 4283

www.monmouthcountyparks.com

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Last

First

Middle Initial

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Email _____

Date of birth if under age 18 _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

School or Group _____

Please indicate your area(s) of interest:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Monmouth County Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports & Fitness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beach Clean-ups | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Interpretation | <input type="checkbox"/> SPUR Equestrian Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beach Nesting Bird Monitor | <input type="checkbox"/> Office Help | <input type="checkbox"/> Therapeutic Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Docent/Receptionist | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Adventures | <input type="checkbox"/> Trails Maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends for the Parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Park Clean-ups | <input type="checkbox"/> Trip Leader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening/Pruning | <input type="checkbox"/> Race Attendant | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invasive Plant Removal | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events | |

List any special training or skills _____

If a reasonable accommodation is necessary, please describe what steps would be needed:

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, please describe.

Where _____ When _____ Disposition _____

I HEARBY AUTHORIZE the release of the information listed herein concerning me to the Monmouth County Park System and absolve the Park System from liability for use of same. I HEREBY DECLARE the information provided by me to be true, correct and complete. In addition, I authorize the County of Monmouth and the Monmouth County Park System to obtain background information concerning my driving and personal record and release the County of Monmouth and the Monmouth County Park System from any liability regarding the use of this information. I do this willingly, knowingly and as a voluntary act.

Signature _____ Date _____

If under 18 years of age, signature of parent or guardian. _____ Date _____