



MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM SPUR VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Age: _____ (Must be at least 14 yrs old)

Street _____ Town _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

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.

Please answer the following by circling 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? 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 the eight week SPUR session? 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? _____

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 Parks
Sunnyside Equestrian Center - Volunteer Coordinator
805 Newman Springs Road
Lincroft, New Jersey 07738

By email to: spur.sunnyside@gmail.com

By fax to: 732-224-1392