



Work Group Application

Make a Difference at Southern Reins!

Thank you for your interest in volunteering as a group at Southern Reins Center for Equine Therapy! Our 30-acre campus is home to our therapy horses and the programs that serve children and adults with disabilities and hardship throughout the Mid-South. Volunteer work groups help us care for and maintain the spaces that make our mission possible. Work groups are a wonderful opportunity for companies, civic organizations, schools, churches, clubs, and other community groups to spend time together while making a meaningful difference at Southern Reins.

WHAT DOES A WORK GROUP DO?

Projects are based on our current campus needs, the size and abilities of your group, available resources, and the amount of time you have to volunteer. Projects may include:

- Barn and facility projects
- Pasture and property cleanup
- Landscaping and grounds maintenance
- Cleaning and organizing program areas
- Painting or staining
- Seasonal projects
- Special event preparation
- Other hands-on projects identified by Southern Reins staff

Because Southern Reins is an active equine facility, projects are selected and scheduled by our staff to ensure the safety of our participants, volunteers, staff, and horses.

WORK GROUP GUIDELINES

Before submitting your application, please review the following:

- Work groups are generally limited to 25 participants, or a number deemed manageable by Southern Reins staff based on the project. Work group participants must be 12 years of age or older.
- A parent, legal guardian, or responsible adult must accompany youth volunteers ages 12–17 as required by Southern Reins.
- All participants must complete the appropriate Southern Reins volunteer liability release before volunteering.
- Work groups must follow all Southern Reins volunteer, facility, and safety guidelines while on our property.
- Projects are scheduled based on staff availability, programming schedules, weather, facility needs, and the scope of the project.
- Some projects may require supplies or materials. When applicable, groups may be invited to help provide or sponsor the materials needed to complete their project.
- Final project selection and scope will be determined in partnership with Southern Reins staff.

Tell Us About Your Work Group

Group Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Type of Group:

- ☐ Corporate/Business
- ☐ Civic/Community Organization
- ☐ School/Student Group
- ☐ Church/Faith-Based Organization
- ☐ Club/Association
- ☐ Other: _____

Estimated Number of Volunteers: _____

Number of Adults (18+): _____

Number of Youth Volunteers (ages 12–17): _____

TELL US ABOUT YOUR VOLUNTEER DAY

What brings your group to Southern Reins?

Are you interested in a particular type of project? If so, please tell us what you have in mind.

Don't have a specific project in mind? That's perfectly fine. Southern Reins can recommend projects based on our current needs and your group's size, skills, and availability.

Does your group have any special skills, experience, tools, or resources that may be helpful for a work project?

Are there any accessibility needs, physical limitations, or other considerations we should keep in mind when identifying an appropriate project for your group?

SCHEDULING

Preferred Date: _____

Alternate Date(s): _____

Preferred Time:

From _____ To _____

Is your schedule flexible? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are there any scheduling requirements or deadlines we should know about?

PROJECT MATERIALS

Some volunteer projects require supplies or materials beyond those Southern Reins has available. If your selected project requires additional materials, would your group be interested in helping provide or sponsor those costs?

☐ Yes

☐ Possibly — please provide more information

☐ No

Your response will not determine whether your group is considered for a volunteer opportunity. It simply helps us identify projects that may be the best fit.

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING SOUTHERN REINS!

Every work group that spends a day at Southern Reins helps care for the place our participants and therapy horses call home. Whether you are painting a fence, refreshing a program space, tackling a property project, or helping us prepare for a special event, your time and hard work allow our team to focus more of our resources on delivering exceptional equine-assisted services.

We are grateful that your group is considering sharing your time and talents with Southern Reins, and we look forward to finding a meaningful project for you!

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Please return your completed application to:

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***Thank you for your contribution to support people living with disabilities and hardship
throughout the Mid-South!***