**Sage Patch Ranch, Inc.**

**VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS**

What is a volunteer? A volunteer is a person who does some act without being under any obligation to do so and without being promised any compensation or renumeration for his or her services.

Sage Patch Ranch, Inc. (SPR) is a 100% volunteer organization, and volunteer support is responsible for and necessary for its success. We could not exist as we do without the timeless giving and tremendous efforts of our equine loving friend.

We have a multitude of needs, and we can likely find something for everyone: horse care (feeding, mucking out stalls and paddocks, filling and cleaning water troughs, and other tasks that need to be completed on a daily basis); facility maintenance (barn maintenance, fence checks, fence installation and repairs, weed control, and other typical activities); fundraising and development; events; grant research and writing; administration/organization; outreach activities; special projects; accounting/booking help; etc… We need help with trailering/transportation, coordinating volunteers, event organizations, processing adoption applications, checking references, and follow-up visits. We also have a need for very experienced riders, trainers, and handlers for horse training and development (hoof handling, socialization feral/wild horses, halter training, groundwork, saddle training, exercising, riding, and other related activities), as well as people with experience dealing with sick or injured horses. If you are not sure where you fit in, we can discuss to find out where your skills are best suited.

Volunteers that wish to work directly with horses are required to complete SPR’s Orientation/Basic Safety Training, which includes a brief tour of SPR’s facility, an introduction to the horses and some of their stories, an introduction to SPR’s basic handling and safety practices to help assure volunteers are handling SPR’s horses consistently by utilizing SPR’s handling style, as well as utilizing basic safe handling practices.

Due to the nature of general area/habitat and working with horses, for volunteer safety, SPR requires that all volunteers wear closed toe shoes. SPR also suggests a hat, sun glasses, and long sleeves for sun protection. Additionally, due to the inherent risk associated with horse-related activities, SPR requires a signed release of liability and suggests volunteers have valid health insurance policy before participating in volunteer activities.

Thank you for caring about the horses!!

**VOLUNTEER FORM**

Name: Date:

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone(H): Phone(W): Phone(C):

Employer: Occupation:

Email: Date of Birth:

Emergency Contact

Name: Phone: Relationship:

**Volunteer Interests:**

**Governance Committee**

Administrative/

 Organizational Support

 Attorney Services

 Nonprofit Consulting

**General**

Mechanic

Facility Maintenance

 Building

 Fencing

Construction/Trades:

Other Information/Interests:

**Finance Committee**

 Bookkeeping

 QuickBooks

 Office Manager

 CPA Services

**Fundraise Committee**

Fundraising/ Events

 Donate

 Corporate Sponsor

**Development Committee**

Outreach

Public Relations

Media

Social Media

Photography/Videography

Marketing/Advertising

 Newsletter

**Horses**

Basic Care Programs

 (feed, groom, clean)

Train, Handle, Ride (expert)

Transport

 Instruction (Riding, Training)

 Sponsor

 Adopt (I want to adopt soon!)

 Vet Services

 Ferrier Services

 Donate

**Programs**

Adoption/Foster Support

Program Development

Volunteer Coordination

Equine Assisted Therapy

Equine Assisted Learning

 Clinics/Workshops

 Psychological Services

 Donate

**Program Participation Interests:**

**Experience Level:** Beginner/Novice Intermediate/Independent Advanced Expert

**Describe Interest/Experience:**

**What do you expect from SPR and your volunteer efforts?:**

**Describe your experience with horses, past and present. Use additional page, if needed:**

**Have you volunteered at a horse rescue/sanctuary before? If so, please describe:**

**Do you have any physical conditions that would limit your ability to perform heavy lifting, quick movements, activities in extreme weather (hot or cold), or other rescue related activities?:**

**General Availability:**

**Days:**  Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

**Times:** Morning (8-12) Afternoon (12-3) Evening (3-6)

**Notes:**

**Reason for Volunteering:**

**Affiliations (clubs, associations, etc):**

**Please list two Non-Family References:**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**City: State: Zip:**

**Phone #: Email:**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**City: State: Zip:**

**Phone #: Email:**

Confidentiality: Volunteer information provided to Sage Patch Ranch, Inc. is confidential, and will only be used for volunteer planning and coordinating purposes. Sage Patch Ranch, Inc. will not disclose or distribute any information contained in these records beyond management volunteers, as needed.

I, (volunteer name), declare the above information provided to Sage Patch Ranch, Inc. is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

**Volunteer Name (please print):**

**Volunteer Signature: Date:**

If Volunteer is a minor (under 18 years old):

**Parent/Guardian Name (please print): Relationship:**

**Parent Signature: Date:**