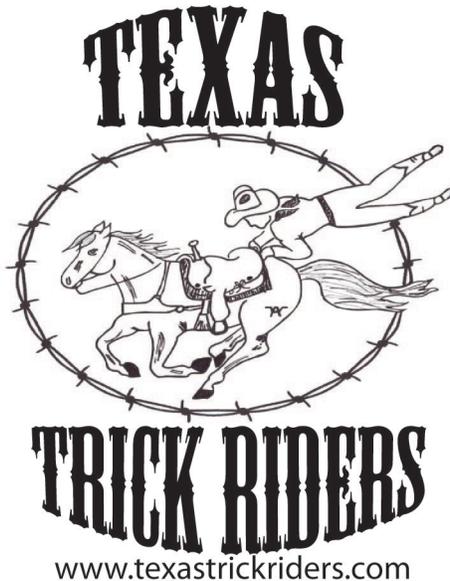


TEXAS TRICK RIDERS

STUDENT INTERN TRAINING PROGRAM



DO YOU...

- Dream of having the perfect horse?
- Think of ways to entertain yourself and your horse?
- Love being in the limelight?
- Want to work your horse at liberty?
- Want to expand your horse knowledge and skills?
- Want a productive way to spend your summer vacation or college break?
- Want to learn about a unique horse discipline?

THEN WE'VE GOT THE PROGRAM FOR YOU.

Annually we offer a limited number of internships to anyone 17 and up. Previous horse experience is necessary and required. If you're looking to gain experience, call us about our "Trick Rider for a Week" programs.

Internship Options

- 1 month Junior Intern (Take the first steps to learning about trick training and riding, basic horsemanship skills)
- 3 month Intermediate Intern (Take your training to the next level and prepare to perform with the trick riders)
- 6 month Senior Intern (Prepare for a career in the horse entertainment industry)

* Select individuals may apply for a working internship program. These individuals will work at the ranch in exchange for lessons and training.

Resident and local intern programs

Contact us for more information texastrickriders@gmail.com 903-520-0058

Meet Austin Anderson:

Austin Anderson is a third generation entertainer. Austin brings a lifetime of knowledge to his horse training, having performed with his parent's shows since the age of four. He is backed by The Texas White Horse Ranch the leader in equine entertainment for over 40 years. A movie stuntman, horseman, and entertainer, Austin draws from his vast experience to teach his interns.



Meet a few of our past interns:



Ashley Pletcher is a central Pennsylvania native who is excited to join the Texas Trick Rider team. Ashley brings her experience with various disciplines and breeds including gaited horses. Ashley was honored to participate as a performer in the 2010 World Equestrian Games in Kentucky and has worked with many professionals including Walkin' On Ranch and Equine Extremist Entertainment.

Ashleigh Stone lives in South Carolina. After completing paramedic training, she came to the ranch to spend some time before beginning her full time job. Ashleigh learned to trick ride and work with horses. She is currently working and hopes to continue trick riding during her off time. Ashleigh believes her time at the ranch improved her self confidence and communication skills.



Rachel Jackson lives in Caroline County Virginia and joined the Texas Trick Riders in 2005 . Rachel began as an intern while she was still in high school and now pursues roman riding and trick riding full time.

Daily Duties and schedule:

After being selected interns will be sent a schedule and information regarding the details of the daily schedule. Applicants should expect to work and ride seven days a week.

Commitment to students:

It is our belief that one must have a good foundation to start from when participating in any riding discipline; this is especially true when trick riding. The extreme nature of trick riding itself requires top physical and mental fitness from both horse and rider.

Our program is designed to teach students to start and build from a solid foundation of basic and fundamental maneuvers and exercises that ensure safety for horse and rider, as well as teaching discipline and horsemanship. Our experience can offer insight to trick riders of all levels from beginners to intermediate and advanced riders. Each student works at his/her own pace.

For beginners we recommend our introduction to trick riding Junior Intern Program. This will allow us to assess your abilities and will give you some insight into what becoming a trick rider is all about. You will learn drills and exercises on the horse that are the foundation of trick riding. You will also work on basic horsemanship.

Once you have your foundation basics built, consider continuing as an Intermediate Intern. We will start working on newer tricks, some of which will be easier having learned the intro and beginner maneuvers. Most tricks require hand and eye coordination and can and should be learned in steps. Students will continue working on horsemanship including liberty work.

Once you become a Senior Intern, you'll have a chance to travel with us to shows and continue to build upon the foundation you have started. It is important to continue working on new tricks and perfecting the ones you have learned. You will also gain experience in performing and arena management, as well as gain insight into what it takes to get show ready. We help intermediate and advanced riders continue their education by assisting with learning new tricks, helping with horse training, and teaching other aspects of the business.

Our intern program, offers a unique opportunity to not only learn trick riding and/or roman riding but many other aspects of the business as well. Whether you want to just give trick riding a try or learn the skills to become a performer, this program will let you experience first hand what it takes to be an equine entertainer.

Costs: The internship fee is \$1500 per month. This fee covers all instruction and housing. The only additional cost is \$50 per week for food if you plan to eat meals with us. If you prefer to be responsible for your own food that fee is waived.

Application process: Interested individuals should complete the included application. Along with the application please include a complete resume, video, and pictures.

Return application, resume, video, and pictures to:

**Texas Trick Riders
Attn: Internship Program
18730 FM 15
Troup TX. 75789**



APPLICATION

Session Information

Type of internship for which you are applying?

1 month 3 month 6 month working internship (select applicants)

Session for which you are applying: Fall Winter Spring Summer

Skills you wish to learn: trick riding trick training/liberty both

Year:

If your preferred session is filled are there others you would consider taking? If so list below

General Information

Name _____ Birth Date _____

Sex: _____ Male _____ Female

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? yes no

If yes explain

Address:

Street _____

City _____ State _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____

List experiences that you feel make you a qualified candidate for internship.

Are you willing and physically able to handle intense physical labor, walk a majority of the day, work in all weather conditions, and lift at least 50 lbs? _____ Yes _____ No

If no explain

Are you willing to work over 50 hours per week? _____ Yes _____ No

If no explain

Do you foresee yourself having a problem with other interns? _____ Yes _____ No

Do you smoke? _____ Yes _____ No

Do you have animal or outdoor allergies? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes please describe

Are you currently taking any medications? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes please describe

Do you have health insurance? _____ Yes _____ No

Horse Experience:

Indicate the categories that you have experience with:

- Feeding
- Mucking Stalls
- Deworming
- Vaccinating
- Handling/working with young horses
- Handling/working with more mature horses
- Assisting Veterinarian
- Assisting farrier
- Grooming
- English Riding How long? _____
- Western Riding How long? _____
- Riding unbroke horses
- Riding "green" untrained horses
- Trained a horse on the ground
- Trained a horses under saddle
- Fitted saddles, bridles, bits, and girths
- First Aid (treating wounds, wrapping legs, taking vitals etc)

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Why do you want to take part in the Texas Trick Riders Intern Program? How does it fit into your future career goals?
2. What goals are you hoping to accomplish during your Texas Trick Riders internship?
3. Since our interns are required to work as part of a team, what qualities do you possess that will allow you to excel within and contribute to the team structure?
4. Please explain how you found our internship program.
5. Is there any other information that you would like to share with us? Are there any qualities you possess that were not addressed in this application that you would like to share?

Please list two references (professional and/or academic)

- Reference 1 - Name
 Phone
 Email
 Relationship
- Reference 2 - Name
 Phone
 Email
 Relationship

***Please mail this application, resume, video, and pictures to:
Texas Trick Riders Attn: Austin Anderson 18730 FM 15 Troup, TX***

By signing this application I acknowledge that all information is correct and that I am willing to perform all duties associated with the internship. I understand that I must pay \$1500 per month unless chosen as a working intern. First month's payment is due ten days prior to arrival; remaining balance is due upon arrival

Signature _____ Date _____

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the area like around the Texas White Horse Ranch?

The area of Troup, TX is a small town located in eastern Texas. Although the town of Troup is very small, nearby Tyler is a larger metropolitan area with many shopping and dining options. The smaller town of Whitehouse is also nearby and features several shopping and dining options.

What kind of weather should I expect?

Weather varies depending on the season. Although Texas does not experience much snow, you should come prepared for cold temperatures during the winter months. It is especially cold in the mornings and warms up as the day goes on. For the summer months the heat can be intense at times.

What should I bring?

Bring with you appropriate clothes for riding and working around horses. Also bring athletic shoes and clothes for trick riding training.

What are the accommodations? Is food provided?

Housing will depend on the number of interns currently on the farm. Housing will be located in Austin's home or in the bunk house on the farm. You will be notified in advance which option will be available. When staying in Austin's house food is available for \$30 per week if you would like to eat with everyone else. If you prefer to buy your own food that is fine as well. Local interns are welcome as well and may commute daily.

What times are available to intern?

Interning opportunities are available year round.

How soon before my start date can I move in?

You may arrive up to two days prior to the start of your internship.

Do I need to bring a car?

It is not required that you have your own car. Transportation to and from the farm will be provided. A car of your own will provide you with more independence.

Is transportation available from the airport?

Yes, transportation can be arranged. The closest airport to the Whitehorse Ranch is located in Tyler, TX.

Am I allowed to bring my own horse?

We prefer that all interns begin their experience with our horses at the ranch. Interns staying for a longer program can discuss this option on an individual basis.

Is smoking allowed on the premises?

No smoking is allowed in the barn or living areas. There are designated areas available for smoking.

Who will I be working with?

You will primarily be working with Austin Anderson. You may at times work with other interns or Don Anderson.

Is there anything I should do before my arrival?

Make sure you read this entire application carefully. Do not hesitate to call Austin with questions. It will be to your benefit to arrive in good physical condition.