



Working Student Program Overview

Smiling Goat Ranch, an affiliate of ATHENA: The Horse Boy Method, brings the healing effects of horses, movement, nature and supportive community to autism families, veterans with PTSD, children and adults with ADD/ADHD, anxiety, depression and related conditions free of charge using Movement Method and The Horse Boy Method. We are located in the gorgeous Roaring Fork Valley near Aspen, Colorado.

Our working student program is a 6-8 week placement. In your time here you will be participating in regular ranch related work caring for our wonderful critters as well as playdates with the kids and work with the horses (if you are 'horsey'). We can customize the working student program to your needs and accommodate longer programs at various Horse Boy and Movement Method locations around the world. Costs will vary.

Working Student Description

Working closely with Smiling Goat Ranch staff, working students will directly assist with weekly play date sessions for autism families; weekly special needs classes with the local school district; quarterly veteran programs; recovery groups; women in trauma; and special events for all groups we serve. Working students will also create new and update past unmounted and mounted curriculum for Smiling Goat Ranch programs using Movement Method and The Horse Boy Method (see www.ntls.co) including: specialty programs, summer programs, and volunteer educational opportunities. Working students will organize and update educational resources for participants, volunteers and training/education.

We also offer working students the opportunities to learn the following:

Movement Method certification

Horse Boy 1 & 2 certification

therapy horse selection and handling, based in basic dressage

volunteer management

therapeutic riding instruction

fundraising/development/nonprofit business management

public relations and marketing

equine and ranch management



How to Apply

If you would like to pursue, please go the New Trails Learning Systems website and complete an application and SEND TO: sheryl@smilinggoatranch.com. The application is not a guarantee of acceptance. A team will evaluate the application and choose the best candidate for the opening.

Students are responsible for:

Transportation to/fr Smiling Goat

Food (we provide 1x a week family/group dinner)

Cost: \$1500 for 6-8 weeks plus \$10/night (half the cost of most U.S. college apartment housing options) for accommodations in a newly remodeled 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom cabin on the property. Cabin is shared with 1-3 other students depending on time of year.

Courses included: [HBM1](#) & [MM1 & 2](#) (\$1500 value) and three riding and/or in-hand lessons per week

Pick-up and drop off from either Aspen Airport or bus stop in Glenwood Springs if coming via Denver International Airport and bus, once per week shuttle trips to supermarket in Carbondale.

We think of our program like a scholarship program: the character, qualities, activity, or attainments of a scholar: learning at a very focused, high-level. We are located one mile from the town of Carbondale and 2 miles from the grocery store, all easily reached by bike ☺ We are also 28 miles from Aspen, which offers world-class skiing in the winter and cultural events in the summer.

Smoking

We are a nonsmoking environment.

Children and Pets

Unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate you as a working student if you need to bring your child(ren) or pets.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact us! For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/smilinggoatranch> www.smilinggoatranch.com