

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position:	Autumn Wrangler
Department:	Ranch
Salary Level:	II (Specialists/Foremen)
Default Housing:	<i>Roofed-Cattle HQ (Final housing assignments may differ based on availability)</i>
Reports To:	Autumn Horseman
Desired Availability:	September 6 – October 31

Philmont Standards

- Must be at least 18 years of age by start of employment (21+ requirement, if applicable, will be noted below)
- Must become a registered member of Scouting America at the start of employment and subscribe to the Scout Oath, Scout Law, and Declaration of Religious Principles
- Must provide a complete and current Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record (Parts A, B, &C) to the Infirmary upon arrival including review of risk advisory and immunization requirements
- Must maintain a clean, well-groomed appearance and be willing to purchase required uniform parts to meet Philmont's uniform policy
- Must participate in designated staff training
- Must adhere to the policies and programs set forth by Philmont Scout Ranch management

Position Overview

The Autumn Wrangler is responsible to the Autumn Horseman for the success of the horse program, and for caring of the horse string, equipment, and facilities.

Primary Duties & Responsibilities

- Be able to mount, saddle, and ride horseback unassisted.
- Be able to meet the requirements for riding horses as indicated in the Guidebook to Adventure under Horse Rides.
- Help prepare equipment and horses for the summer program.
- Learn all facets of the horse ride program.
- Be familiar with and follow the procedures and policies in the Horse Department Manual
- Be part of the Philmont team by cooperating with other staff and directors to offer an outstanding experience to everyone who comes to Philmont, and by willingly and cheerfully perform tasks beyond the immediate scope of the horseback ride program when requested by the Horseman.
- Cooperate and work with the Horseman and fellow Wranglers and others assigned to the horse program to provide a smooth working system for the program.
- Maintain a clean, neat and efficient working area and living quarters.
- Provide excellent customer service at all times.

- Make certain that all livestock assigned to you are properly cared for and that before any animal is used, it is in good condition and fit to be on the trail. See that proper care is taken of saddles, equipment and facilities assigned to you and that necessary repairs are made immediately.
- Make certain that all periods of instruction and all rides are conducted and organized and on time; that proper step for safety of riders and mounts are followed carefully.
- Keep the Autumn Horseman informed of your whereabouts at all times, leaving camp only with permission and returning at agreed times.
- Philmont will furnish chaps, saddle and shoeing tools to each Wrangler. There will be charged out to each individual and must be returned or paid for at the close of the season.
- Complete other duties as assigned by direct supervisor or ranch management as required

Desired Qualifications & Experience

- Must be 18 years of age by time of employment
- Be able to secure, and maintain a Philmont driving permit
- Ability to prioritize tasks and ask for help when needed
- Ability to function well with minimal supervision
- Be able to shoe horses or willing to learn. See that all horses are kept properly shod.

Physical Requirements & Work Environment

- Must meet Scouting America height/weight requirements
- Be able to lift and handle materials up to 70 pounds throughout the scheduled workday
- Up to 90% of the workday could be spent standing, walking, riding, bending, stooping, kneeling, or crouching
- Be capable and willing to work in all types of weather conditions at various locations

Additional Information

Send inquiries to philstaff@scouting.org

It should be noted by applicants that Philmont Scout Ranch and the surrounding area are located in a rural ranching community within the high desert of the Sangre de Cristo mountains. Climate, culture, and the availability of resources may vary significantly than other communities. Amenities applicants are used to may not be available on the ranch or the surrounding area.

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