

W.I.T 1 Information and Application

Skills Needed for a W.I.T (Wrangler-in-Training)

A W.I.T. 1...

- Is at least 14 years old at the time of your session.
- Is comfortable around horses.
- Can catch, lead, tie, and saddle for western riding safely and successfully on her own.
- Can mount and dismount on her own and ride at a walk, trot, and lope with ease and without fear.
- Can handle daily camp life for a week while upholding the G.S. Promise and Law.
- Can take direction from counselors, unit leaders, EQ, and administration staff.
- Can act responsibly under minimal supervision.
- Can remain healthy under the high temperatures of a Texas summer.

Responsibilities include the following:

- Waking up on your own.
- Working with your assigned barn staff member to catch, feed, saddle, and move around her assigned set of horses.
- Preparing your assigned horse for all riding activities and unsaddling them at the end of your day.
- Help campers on and off their horses at the beginning and end of each class.
- Pace arena classes (demonstrate the turns, trot, and lope as it applies to the arena class).
- Ride on trail rides and be alert to potential dangers while reassuring scared campers.
- Assisting your assigned barn staff member with her daily cleaning responsibilities as asked (sweeping, mucking and feeding stalls, etc.)
- Attending all camp events that occur in the evenings.
- Can walk from your living quarters to the barn without assistance after being shown the locations.
- Adhere to the Girl Scout Promise and Law.



A Day in the Life of a W.I.T.

All W.I.T.s report to the barn at 6:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday (Sunday and Friday have different times). At that time, the horses are caught, fed, and saddled before breakfast.

You will assist the barn staff during the following hours: From 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, campers are at the barn either riding or participating in non-riding activities. You will leave for lunch at noon or after being dismissed. After lunch, W.I.T.'s return to the barn at 1:30 to assist the barn staff with watering the horses. From 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., campers are at the barn again either riding or doing non-riding activities.

W.I.T. 1's will visit the trading post and go to the pool sometime during each full day at camp. This will be arranged through the Equestrian Program Manager and the pool and trading post staff.

On Friday, the W.I.T.s spend half a day (9:00 a.m. to noon) at the barn assisting with the end of the week activities.

The amount of riding time for a W.I.T. ranges from roughly two hours to three hours each day (broken up intermittently rather than all at once). These riding times can be spent either on trails or in the arena (depending on the day's activities). "Extra" riding time (at the end of the day or after dinner) is not available.

When you are not assigned to ride a particular hour, you will either be on the ground in the arena helping the barn staff assist the horseback campers, or you will be assisting with a non-riding activity (topics covered during these activities can include saddling, tack, grooming, bathing, anatomy, colors, etc.). If you're unfamiliar with these topics, it's a good opportunity to participate and learn with the campers, or if you feel comfortable with that subject, let us know and you can learn how to and/or help teach it to the campers!

**Please note that the times and days are subject to change as plans for each session are finalized by camp staff. Each week poses different sessions and activities; this schedule is just what is typically done each week.

W.I.T. 1 session dates for 2016

Fee \$200.00

June 12-17

June 26- July 1

July 17-22

June 19-24

July 10-15

July 24-29

After approval and session assignment, you will be notified and sent a registration form. You may then register and pay through the camp registrar Lisa Kuhn at lkuhn@gsnetx.org. Registration cannot be done online for W.I.T. sessions- even after approval.



2016 Wrangler-in-Training 1 Application

Please fill out and return this application to:

camp@gsnetx.org

or by mail to:

Attn: W.I.T. 1 Program
Equestrian Program Manager
2008 An County Road 458
Palestine, Texas 75803

*Please Note: You may register for your W.I.T. 1 Session only after notification of approval.
(Online registration is not available)*

Name: Birthday: / /

Age (must be at least 14 years old by your session date)

Are you currently a Tejas Rider? yes no

If yes, what team are you on for the 2015-2016 year?

Have you been a W.I.T in the past? Yes no

If yes, what was your camp name?

Please rank the dates of your camp and session choices using the numbers 1, 2, and 3.

W.I.T. 1 Session Choices

June 12-17
 June 19-24

June 26- July 1
 July 10-15

July 17-22
 July 24-29

Parent/ Guardian Name(s):

Mailing Address:

Parent E-mail Address:

Applicant E-mail Address:

Home Phone: () Work or Cell Phone: ()



Describe what horse experience you currently have. Refer to the “Skills Needed for a W.I.T.” page for ideas about what would be good to include here.

How will you handle the demanding schedule of a W.I.T. 1? (Long hours, hot environment, lots of instructions given to you, early mornings, etc.)

Describe any experience you have working with or around children.

Why do you want to be a W.I.T. 1 this summer?

I have read the skills needed for a W.I.T 1 and feel I am qualified to participate in this leadership program. I also understand that the Girl Scout Promise and Law is our code of conduct and I will be expected to follow this at all times while at camp.

Applicant’s signature _____

Parent’s signature _____

Date: _____