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## Volunteer Opportunities

Earth Connections could not operate without the dedicated help of volunteers from our community. We have numerous positions that require a wide variety of talents. All volunteers must attend an orientation class before participating in any of our volunteer opportunities. Volunteers must be a minimum of 12 years of age. A parent or guardian must accompany volunteers under 16 years of age until they have demonstrated that their maturity and skills are at the level where a staff person determines a parent is no longer necessary.

### Ranch Hands

Ranch Hands take care of the barn chores including mucking stalls and cleaning tack. They do yard work including raking and weeding. They feed our farm animals and collect eggs. General cleaning tasks include sweeping, wiping down furniture and emptying the trash.

### Wranglers

After twenty-four hours of volunteer service, Ranch Hands are eligible to be promoted to Wrangler and are additionally assigned a specific horse to turn out, exercise and groom. A minimum commitment of two days per week is required. Wranglers also assist during all horse related programs.

### Office Team

These volunteers assist with filing, phone calls, data entry and non-horse related programs.

### Fundraising Team

These volunteers plan and coordinate fundraising efforts that expand our donor base and generate funds to ensure the future of our programs. This support team works directly on fundraising and/or special event committees.

### Volunteer Coordinator

Earth Connections needs a Volunteer Coordinator to recruit new volunteers and maintain the existing ones. We use volunteers for our programs, special events, maintenance of the ranch and animal care.

### Public Relations

Earth Connections needs volunteers with skills or contacts in this area to ensure that communication, PR and community outreach reflect our mission and goals. Area's to be addressed by these volunteers may be:

- Developing a PR and Communication plan
- Contribute to the newsletter, news releases, brochures, and other outreach materials
- Ensure adequate education, outreach and PR to the community at large
- Create information and training videos

### Volunteer Orientation

All prospective volunteers are required to attend an orientation session in order to become familiar with our facility and procedures. Boots or close-toed shoes are required. We will NOT have any accommodations for children so please make other arrangements prior to arriving at orientation. Due to the hands-on portions of the orientation, space is limited, so please sign up early. Call us at 949-500-2339 or email us at [mail@earthconnections.org](mailto:mail@earthconnections.org) to get more information and sign up for an orientation class.