



Spy Coast Farm Internship Opportunities

About Spy Coast Farm

Our internship program is based out of our primary facility in Lexington, Kentucky. This location provides the ultimate opportunity to obtain experience with multiple aspects of the sport horse industry. Our Lexington facility is home to our Reproduction Center, CEM Quarantine Facility, Young Horse Development Center, Rehabilitation and Fitness Center and Equine Education Center. More information can be found by exploring the links below.

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What does this internship program mean to Spy Coast?

Hands on learning

Spy Coast Farm believes in learning through hands-on work experience combined with mentorship and access to educational materials. We hope to aid in the growth of the Sport Horse Industry by offering this opportunity to those wanting to be a part of the industry's future.

Internship overview

The internships offered at Spy Coast Farm include an ample amount of hands-on experience, as well as educational opportunities customized toward each division. Most interns will also be asked to participate in off campus equine experiences, attend and participate in lunch and learn meetings with staff and attend lectures with industry experts.

Potential applicants

Spy Coast Farm is looking for hard-working, motivated and passionate individuals who are looking forward to obtaining experience in multiple aspects of the Sport Horse Industry. Please note that positions are limited, and that each application is reviewed thoroughly.



Internship Divisions

Equine Reproduction Center (Breeding, Foaling, and Stallion Shed)

Interns will work during the breeding season and assist Dr. Modesty Burleson with breeding mares, collecting stallions, handling fresh and frozen semen and neonatal care. Interns are advised to stay close to the farm during this unit, as they will be contacted to attend foalings. Interns will also learn CEM quarantine policies and procedures.

Young Horse Development Center

Interns will work closely with management and trainers to understand the process of starting a young horse and to experience Spy Coast's training methodology. Interns will have the opportunity to acquire advanced management and horsemanship skills while improving their grooming techniques. Depending on the time of year, interns may also attend shows in Lexington and possibly other locations such as Tryon, NC.

Please note that this is **NOT** a riding internship. Riding opportunities are very limited and will be determined on a case-by-case basis as per the head trainer's assessment of the intern's riding proficiency.

Equine Rehabilitation and Fitness Center

Spy Coast Farm's Rehab and Fitness Center is overseen by resident veterinarian Dr. Julie Vargas. The facility includes water treadmills, a cold saltwater leg spa, whole body vibration therapy, regenerative lasers and other state of the art rehabilitation equipment. Interns will work closely with Dr. Vargas and facility staff, learning about the various treatment modalities and their applied uses for equine rehabilitation and fitness.



Internship & Externship Options

Internship Positions

Paid internships are a minimum of 30 days or longer (up to 12 months) and on-site housing may be provided. Prospective interns should request the division(s) which would best benefit their vocational and/or educational needs. Intern placement will vary depending on season and placement availability (e.g. breeding and foaling is seasonal). This program option will include goal setting and monitoring, off campus experiences and hands-on work experience. No pets are allowed.

Internships lasting less than 30 days (minimum 2 weeks) are available on a case-by-case basis and on-site housing may be provided. Interns may select to work in one division or to rotate through two divisions during their stay. **NO** pets are allowed.

Veterinary Externship

Externships (minimum 2 weeks) are reserved for current veterinary students starting their 3rd or 4th year of vet school. A minimum 2-week externship at Spy Coast Farm is required prior to applying for the Veterinary Internship position. On-site housing is provided.

Veterinary Internship

This paid internship is 12 months long beginning in June. Interns will work full time and spend time in all divisions of Spy Coast Farm (Reproduction, Rehabilitation and Fitness, CEM Quarantine, Young Horse Development Center). Interns also spend one third of the time working with Thoroughbreds at Burleson Farms in Midway, KY. Applicants must be a graduate from an accredited veterinary degree program, pass the NAVLE exam, carry a valid driver's license, provide their own vehicle, and complete at least one 2-week externship at Spy Coast Farm. Non-citizens applying must obtain a valid H2A Visa. On-site housing is provided.



How do I apply?

Timeline and requirements

Internship positions are filled throughout the year with the deadlines listed below to apply for longer term experiences. Date ranges are flexible. For shorter term experiences for internships and vet externships, you may apply at any time, but are encouraged to apply well in advance.

| Internship Term | Application Deadline | Selection Notification Date |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Spring (~January to April) 6 months (~January to June) Year Long (~January to December) | September 15 | No later than October 15 |
| Summer (~May to August) 6 months (~July to December) Year Long (~July to June) | November 1 | No later than December 1 |
| Fall (~September to December) | April 1 | No later than April 30 |

Application packets must include the following items and can be emailed to education@spycoastfarm.com:

- Completed application
- A cover letter
- An updated resume or curriculum vitae
- One letter of recommendation

Post-application interviews

Spy Coast Farm will contact applicants who have been chosen for the interviewing process. Interviews may be conducted in-person or on Zoom. Potential interns must be prepared to discuss their previous horse experience and personal goals.

Successful applicants

Interns must provide their own transportation to Lexington and throughout the duration of their internship with no fuel reimbursement. On-site housing options are limited and not guaranteed.