

Assistant Wrangler 2026 Job Description

Job Title: Assistant Wrangler

Department: Barn

Reports To: Barn & Herd Department Head

Position Duration: Seasonal from May 4th through October 14th. Additional days in the fall as required for projects.

Responsibilities:

- Acts as Head Wrangler on days off, organizing ride logistics and assigning daily duties.
- Assists in maintaining horse records and files.
- Participates in staff training and horse and saddle assignments.
- Attends cocktail parties alternately with the Head Wrangler.
- Serves as on-call emergency contact for horse issues alongside Head Wrangler.
- Serves as liaison and point of contact for Kids Wranglers and Kids program
- Participates in all primary wrangler duties including but not limited to:
 - Provide group and individual guest instruction in horsemanship and riding out on the trail
 - Participate in daily Barn activities including taking care of our herd, feeding and minor vetting of horses, grooming and saddling/unsaddling for rides, cleaning coral + riding arena, loading hay, etc
 - Lead half-day and full-day rides to various locations around the valley, ensuring the safe and positive experience of guests.
 - Driving 8-horse trailers, and transporting guests to offsite ride locations, safely and courteously
 - AM/PM Wrangling horses to/from pastures
 - Participate in upkeep of trails and pasture areas (clearing fallen trees, fence repair, irrigation, invasive weed management)
 - May be asked to participate in Friday afternoon Team Penning activities
 - May be asked to drive the tractor for Wagon Ride on Thursdays

Requirements:

- Knowledge and experience with horses and riding instruction.
- Physical strength and flexibility; ability to lift saddles and hay bales, kneel, reach, and sit in a saddle for several hours.

- Must be 21 years or older and possess a valid driver's license with a clean driving record to operate Ranch vehicles for transporting horses and guests.
- Current CPR and First Aid certification.
- Chainsaw experience for trail clearing is a plus but not required.
- Must be energetic, responsible, exercise good judgment, be intelligent, outgoing, conversational, trustworthy, patient, and compassionate.
- Flexibility regarding work schedule and job duties; willingness to do "what it takes" to ensure Ranch operations run smoothly.

Dress Code:

- All crew members are expected to maintain a clean and tidy appearance, appropriate for ranch life and duties, adhering to the Ranch's western culture.
- Required attire: Jeans and boots, western button-down shirts.
- Encouraged attire: Vests, wildrags, cowboy hats.
 - *Please ensure cowboy hats are well-fitting and not likely to fall off when riding*
- Slickers are recommended for rainy days; chaps and spurs are optional.

Compensation:

Wranglers will work a 5-day work week with 2 days off. Some days start early, and daily schedules will vary. All wranglers have Sunday off. Days off will vary from employee to employee to fit the ranch schedule.

- Room & Board, Salary & Gratuities.
- Gratuities (received during the 16-week guest season) are generous, with the opportunity to earn more by participating in extra activities with guests. For reference, gratuities in 2025 averaged ~\$8,000 for the season, but please note that gratuity amounts will fluctuate year to year and are not guaranteed.