

### Volunteering at GFF-

If you live in the area and are interested in giving your time to the farm, we invite you to complete and return our Local Volunteer Application. (see attached).

Our Local Volunteers must be age 18 or older. If a youth age 17 or under is interested in volunteering, he or she must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian or approved as a Youth Volunteer. We love having families volunteer together, and much of our daily chore list is completed by groups of individual adults, parents and kids working side by side. Please keep in mind that we do not offer childcare for volunteers. It is the volunteer's responsibility to watch his or her children at all times while at the ranch.

We rely on this team of volunteers to help us with the daily task list, as well as miscellaneous jobs that arise. If you have a specific skill or gift that you would like to offer be sure to indicate that on your application.

### Local Volunteer Application Process:

- Complete and submit the Local Volunteer application
- Pass the background check (no cost to you)
- Volunteer Coordinator will contact you for an informal interview and to coordinate your schedule

### Other Information:

- We recommend you call for one of our weekly farm tours if you are unfamiliar with the program before you volunteer.
- Families, please be prepared to come together and work together while you are here.

**LOCAL VOLUNTEER APPLICATION**

**Contact Information (please print)**

Full Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: (nickname or what you like to be called) \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

example@example.com

**Address:**

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Apt #: \_\_\_\_\_

City : \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Phone (please specify which phone you would like us to use): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Required for background check:**

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License State: \_\_\_\_\_



**Skills**

As a volunteer, what do you think your strengths are?

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Of the skills you possess, which would you like to offer to the ranch?

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**Other Questions**

How did you hear about Grace Falls Farm?

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Why would you like to be a Grace Falls Farm volunteer?

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What message would you like to convey, while volunteering, to children and families at the farm?

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Tell us about yourself, if you'd like... interesting facts, outstanding talents, funny stories, favorite foods, hobbies, certifications, awards, achievements, etc.

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Please include a photo of yourself

Attach here.

### **Short-Term Internship Volunteer**

If you live outside the area and are interested in serving the ranch for a period of 6 weeks or less, we invite you to complete and return our Short Term Volunteer Application.

Our Short Term Volunteer Program is specifically designed for individuals who desire to serve at the farm, but live outside of the local area. Once approved, Short Term Volunteers typically serve a minimum of four days a week, and for as long as six weeks. We ask that this type of volunteer raise their own support. There is currently no “on-site” housing, so housing arrangements will need to be made.

During our session season, Short Term Volunteer opportunities are available to help run our Summer Horse Camps and Individual child sessions. Our season runs from June 1-Sept.1. See Farm calendar for exact dates.

### **Short Term Volunteer Application Process**

- Each volunteer opportunity is by application only and is limited to a set amount of volunteers per week.
- Each potential volunteer over the age of 18 is required to provide their own state, federal or country background check. Any and all background checks need to be submitted to our Volunteer Department no later than two weeks prior to the desired arrival date.
- All volunteers must provide their own transportation, food and housing. A list of local hotels can be provided upon request.
- Potential volunteers below the age of 16 need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. This parent or guardian is required to fill out an application and provide a background check in addition to the youth-submitted application.
- Potential volunteers between the ages of 16-18 are asked to provide three non-family references with their application in lieu of a background check and may still be required to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. A phone interview with the Volunteer Coordinator may also be required. Participation in a ranch tour prior to volunteering is highly recommended.

There is a mandatory training weekend in May where all ***Approved Summer Interns*** will gather to talk about the upcoming season and opportunities to serve. Volunteers are welcome to start at any time.\*Please note that only GFF Directors and APPROVED Summer Interns, called “Mentors”, lead sessions with children or work directly with ranch horses.

