

# W.I.T. Information and Application

If you want to know what it's like to be barn staff, then this is the session for you!

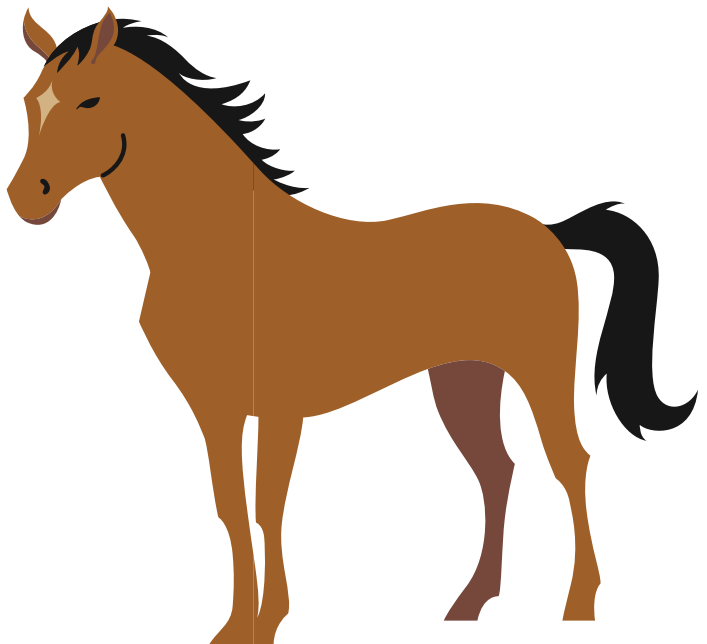
## Skills Needed to be a Wrangler-in-Training (W.I.T.)

### A W.I.T. is:

- At least 14 years old at the time of your session.
- Comfortable around horses.
- Able to catch, lead, tie, and saddle for western riding safely and successfully on her own.
- Able to mount and dismount independently and ride comfortably at a walk, trot, and lope.
- Able to handle daily camp life for a week.
- Able to take direction from counselors, unit leaders, EQ, and administrative staff.
- Able to act responsibly under minimal supervision.
- Able to remain healthy while working outside multiple hours daily under the high temperatures of a Texas summer.
- Able to serve as a role model for younger campers.

### Responsibilities include the following:

- Waking up and getting ready on your own.
- Working with barn staff to catch, feed, saddle, and move daily list of horses.
- Preparing your assigned horse for all riding activities and unsaddling them at the end of your day.
- Helping campers on and off their horses at the beginning and end of each class.
- Pacing arena classes (demonstrating turns, trot, and lope as it applies to the specific arena class).
- Riding on trail rides and being alert to potential dangers while reassuring scared campers.
- Assisting barn staff with daily cleaning responsibilities, which include: sweeping, mucking and feeding stalls, etc.
- Attending all camp events that occur in the evenings.
- Walking from your living quarters to the barn without assistance after being shown the locations.
- Adhering 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, W.I.T.s will assist with catching, feeding, and saddling horses before breakfast.
  - W.I.T.s 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.s will visit the trading post and go to the pool sometime during each full day at camp. In the evenings, you'll be able to relax and have fun participating with everyone else in your assigned unit in a variety of camp activities.
  - On Friday, the W.I.T.s will spend some time 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 W.I.T.s are not assigned to ride a particular hour, they will either be on the ground in the arena helping barn staff with the horseback campers, or 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. If you are comfortable with these topics, let us know and you can help teach the campers!
  - Please note, riding times and days are subject to change.
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## **W.I.T. Session Dates for 2024:**

June 9-14	June 23-28	July 14-19
June 16-21	July 7-12	July 21-26

There will be two W.I.T. 1 spaces and two W.I.T. 2 spaces available each session. To be eligible to participate in a W.I.T. 2 session, a girl must have previously completed W.I.T. 1. Once applications have been submitted, they will be reviewed and girls will be notified whether or not they are selected for a session. Remember all summer camp registration is first come, first served, so the sooner you get your paperwork in the better chance you have of getting the session you want.

After approval and session assignment, you will be notified and sent a camp registration information. Registration cannot be done online for W.I.T. sessions, even after approval.

# 2024 Wrangler-in-Training Application

Please fill out and return this application to: [camp@gsnetx.org](mailto:camp@gsnetx.org) or by mail to:  
Camp Bette Perot  
Attn: WIT Program  
2008 An County Road 458  
Palestine, Texas 75803

*Please Note: Once notified of acceptance, you will be contacted by Customer Care to complete your registration. Online registration is not available.*

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

Birthday: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ (must be at least 14 years old by your session date) Session  
applying for: \_\_\_\_ W.I.T. 1 \_\_\_\_ W.I.T. 2

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

\_\_\_\_ June 9-14      \_\_\_\_ June 23-28      \_\_\_\_ July 14-19  
\_\_\_\_ June 16-21      \_\_\_\_ July 7-12      \_\_\_\_ July 21-26

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- Are you currently a Tejas Rider? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no  
If yes, what team are you on for the 2022-2023 year? \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you been a W.I.T. in the past? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no  
If yes, what was your camp name? \_\_\_\_\_  
What horse did you ride? \_\_\_\_\_

## Please answer the following questions:

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.? (Long hours, hot environment, lots of instructions given to you, early mornings, etc.)

Describe any experience you have working with or around kids.

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

If selected, W.I.T.s get to choose their own camp name just like barn staff!

What would you like your camp name to be? *(All camp names must be approved by the Equestrian Director.)*

**I have read the skills needed for a W.I.T and feel I am qualified to participate in this leadership program. I acknowledge that the Equestrian Director has the final decision regarding placement of WIT applicants. 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 at the barn and in camp.**

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_