

W.I.T. 1 Information and Application

Skills Needed for a W.I.T (Wrangler-in-Training)

A W.I.T....

- Is at least 14 years old at the time of your session.
- Is comfortable around horses.
- Can catch, lead, tie, and saddle for western riding safely and successfully on her own.
- Can mount and dismount on her own and ride at a walk, trot, and lope with ease and without fear.
- Can handle daily camp life for a week.
- Can take direction from counselors, unit leaders, EQ, and administration staff.
- Can act responsibly under minimal supervision.
- Can remain healthy under the high temperatures of a Texas summer.

Responsibilities include the following:

- Waking up on your own.
- Working with your assigned barn staff member to catch, feed, saddle, and move around her assigned set 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 (demonstrate the turns, trot, and lope as it applies to the arena class).
- Riding on trail rides and be alert to potential dangers while reassuring scared campers
- Assisting your assigned barn staff member with her daily cleaning responsibilities as asked (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, the horses are caught, fed, and saddled before breakfast.

You 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. 1's will visit the trading post and go to the pool sometime during each full day at camp.

On Friday, the W.I.T.s spend half a day (9:00 a.m. to noon) 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 you are not assigned to ride a particular hour, you will either be on the ground in the arena helping the barn staff assist the horseback campers, or you will be 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, or if you feel comfortable with that subject, let us know and you can learn how to and/or help teach it to the campers!

**Please note that the times and days are subject to change as plans for each session are finalized by camp staff. Each week poses different sessions and activities; this schedule is just what is *typically* done each week.

WIT 1 session dates for 2019: Fee \$235.00

June 16-21
June 23-28

July 7-12
July 14-19

July 21-26

You will be notified whether or not you 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 form. Registration cannot be done online for WIT sessions, even after approval.

2019 Wrangler-in-Training 1 Application

Please fill out and return this application to:

camp@gsnetx.org

or by mail to:

Attn: WIT 1 program

Equestrian Programs Coordinator

2008 An County Road 458

Palestine, Texas 75803

*Please Note: You may register for your WIT session only after notification of approval.
(Online registration is not available)*

Name: _____ Birthday: ____/____/____

Age _____ (must be at least 14 years old by your session date)

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

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

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 2018-2019 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? _____

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?

I have read the skills needed for a W.I.T and feel I am qualified to participate in this leadership program. 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 as well as in camp.

Applicant’s signature _____

Parent’s signature _____