



Dear Prospective Participant,

Thank you for your interest in Hope Retreat Ranch's Therapeutic Riding Program! Our mission to provide hope, health, and education to help transform the lives of those in the special needs community through the use of faith, horsemanship, and nature.

Please complete and return the enclosed application. Once the application is received and reviewed you will be notified. Based on openings in our sessions schedule, a visit and evaluation will be scheduled to determine if our services are a good fit for the applicant.

Hope Retreat Ranch's Therapeutic Riding Program adheres to the highest levels of best practices and safety. Please review the following Hope Retreat Ranch's Therapeutic Riding Program Policies:

Applicant Requirement:

1. Age four years or older.
2. Hope Retreat Ranch's rider weight limit is 165 pounds. If you are above that, let's talk about other options.
3. Must have a physician's diagnosis of a cognitive or physical special need.
4. No history of uncontrolled Grand Mal seizures.
5. Must have a recent Atlantoaxial Instability Verification for applicants with Down Syndrome.
6. The acceptance and continuation of a participant depends on the availability of instructors, volunteers, and suitable horses.
7. Parents/Guardians must inform us of any changes in health status for participant.
8. Participants must wear an ASTM-approved riding helmet supplied by Hope Retreat Ranch's Therapeutic Riding Program or have one of their own.
9. Appropriate clothing is required. Foot protection: wear close-toed shoes, boots with heels is preferred. No open toed shoes will be allowed. Long pants are recommended. No dangling jewelry is allowed in the arena.
10. A Participant Application must be turned in annually. Including the About Me form.
11. Hope Retreat Ranch's Therapeutic Riding Program reserves the right at any time to refuse any participant that cannot be safely accommodated.
12. A parent or guardian MUST be present at all times on Hope Retreat Ranch's property.

Our Therapeutic Riding Program is designed to provide growth, confidence, and skill development for our riders. As riders progress, there may come a time when they have gained the maximum benefit from our program. When this happens, we celebrate their achievements and encourage them to explore other riding opportunities or independent horsemanship. If a rider reaches this stage, we will discuss next steps together to ensure a positive transition. We look forward to visiting with you!

Mail completed application to:

Hope Retreat Ranch Therapeutic Riding Program
PO Box 1982
Choctaw, OK 73020

Or call Kensy Williams, HRR Equine Director, at (405) 778-5618 for more options.