

## The Equestry Summer Internship Program for Equestrians Week-long residency program for riders age 13 and up

Experience living and working on a real horse farm at The Equestry—voted “Best Equestrian Facility” by *Vermont Magazine*. Each day brings new opportunities to explore working at and running an equine training barn.

As part of this comprehensive equestrian experience, you will stay on the farm as a member of our family, or travel with us to shows. You will also work with the staff, and receive instruction and lessons in different areas of riding including dressage, jumping, and foxhunting. The Residency Program is a fabulous opportunity to improve riding skills while learning and working in equine and farm management and show preparation.

The Equestry is owned by Director of Riding Kate Selby. Selby was named Instructor of the Year by the American Riding Instructor's Association, and is Level III certified in Dressage and Hunt Seat. She is Head Coach of the Middlebury College Equestrian Team, and sits on the Advisory Board for Vermont Technical College's Equine Studies program. To learn more, visit [www.Equestry.com](http://www.Equestry.com)

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**Away Show Week I:** June 15-21. Begin the week with daily riding lessons, preparing horses for competition, and regular farm duties. Then, come with the Equestry to one of the areas largest dressage shows at the beautiful Green Mountain Horse Association grounds in Woodstock, Vermont. Stay on location June 19-21, groom and prep horses for classes, and watch some of New England's top dressage competitors in action!  
\$1100

**Equestry Show Week:** June 22-28. Receive daily lessons, participate in all aspects of the farm's work, and assist the staff in organizing and hosting a 2-phase competition on-site. Participate as a show official, learn to set a jump course, read a dressage test, and compete in the show! (dependent upon riding level) \$850

**Schooling Intensive I:** July 5-12—Work hand in hand with the Equestry's professional staff to care for the horses in training and lesson horses, assist in training, and all aspects of daily farm life. Daily lessons included, as well as instruction in lungeing, riding in the open, and a chance to assist in teaching lessons. \$850

**Performance Week:** July 12-19. Spend several days at beautiful, historic Shelburne Farms on the shore of Lake Champlain and participate in grooming and preparations for the Exhibition of Dressage at the Opening Concert of the Vermont Summer Mozart Festival. At home, regularly scheduled lessons and farm duties continue. Tickets to the concert and a picnic dinner are included for Sunday evening (as long as venue does not change). \$1000

**Away Show Week II:** July 20-26. Begin the week with daily riding lessons, preparing horses for competition, and regular farm duties. Then, come with the Equestry to one of the areas largest dressage shows at the beautiful Green Mountain Horse Association grounds in Woodstock, Vermont. Stay on location July 24-26, groom and prep horses for classes, and watch some of New England's top dressage competitors in action!  
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**Cub-Hunting Season:** August 1-August 7 and August 22-29. Learn all about the centuries-old tradition of Riding to Hounds with Vermont's Green Mountain Hounds Hunt—an officially recognized drag hunt located throughout the Champlain Valley. On non-hunting days, regular riding instruction and lessons in care and management will continue, with the emphasis on getting horses fit to hunt. \$1100, includes all hunting fees.

**Schooling Intensive II:** August 22-29—Work hand in hand with the Equestry's professional staff to care for the horses in training and lesson horses, assist in training, and all aspects of daily farm life. Daily lessons included, as well as instruction in lungeing, riding in the open, and a chance to assist in teaching lessons. \$850

This unique, highly personalized program is open to a maximum of two students per week. Applications will be processed as they arrive, and notice of acceptance given promptly.

Interns will be housed on-site with us as a member of our family, or will travel with us to shows and events. All meals are provided, as is transportation to and lodging at events.

Participants are expected to:

- have a good work ethic;
- be polite and courteous to staff, family and clients;
- bring appropriate attire for weather, riding, and leisure activities.

**Packing:** Vermont summers are beautiful, but they can also be chilly and wet, or very hot and muggy, so you will need to pack for a variety of conditions. Mud boots, rain gear, warm clothes and riding clothes consisting of helmet, boots, britches (half-chaps okay) and gloves are necessary. Dress should be neat and respectable at all times (no belly-shirts, short-shorts, inappropriate messages, etc.). A swimsuit is optional. During Performance week, there will be opportunities to swim in Lake Champlain.

**Leisure time:** Interns may have the opportunity to explore one of the beautiful villages of Bristol, Middlebury, and Vergennes, accompanied by a member of the host family. New Haven is close to all three towns, yet very safe and quiet. Students may go hiking in the woods or bring their bike and go for rides on the roads or in the woods during leisure times.

**Arrival:** Interns should arrive no later than noon on the start day.

**Departure:** times and days may vary, depending on activity. Interns may stay until Monday noon when special events occur on Sundays, or may be picked up on location Sunday afternoon. If there are no special events on Sundays, then departure time is no later than noon on Sunday.

Prices per week vary according to activity. Every attempt will be made to adhere to the schedule as provided, but all equestrian events are weather- and soundness-dependent. Shows and events may be changed or cancelled without prior notice. In the event of a cancellation, substitute activities will be provided.

**Refund policy:** Full refund, less 10% office fee, if cancelled prior to 14 days of program start date. 50% refund if cancelled prior to 5 days of start date. In case of emergencies, refunds or transfer of dates may be allowed at discretion of the Equestry.

There is no refund for a student who is dismissed for personal or disciplinary reasons, or for a participant who chooses either to withdraw from the program or to not

participate in a stated activity. If a participant must leave due to an injury sustained during the program, a prorated portion of the tuition will be refunded.

All Interns must have their own health insurance, and all waivers and releases must be signed.