

Do you love horses?

Do you want to help people?

Bring your two loves together
as a volunteer with
Extension's Equine-Assisted
Therapy program!



Equine-Assisted Therapy programs are held at

Elizabeth A. Howard Therapeutic Riding and Activity Center

1225 Old White Road South, West Point, MS 39773



To become a volunteer or learn more, contact Lori Irvin at lirvin@humansci.msstate.edu.

Certification workshops for therapeutic riding instructors are approved by the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH) International.



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– Best friends – come in all sizes.

VOLUNTEER WITH THE
EQUINE-ASSISTED THERAPY
PROGRAM, AND HELP SOMEONE
FIND A NEW BEST FRIEND.



As a volunteer, you will help children with special needs.

You will work with a certified riding instructor and other volunteers who care about people and horses just as much as you do.



4-H THERAPEUTIC RIDING & ACTIVITY CENTER

CORE VALUES

Healing

Empowerment

Passion

Integrity

You will:

- Help with riding classes.
- Teach riders about horse behavior, care, and grooming.
- Build bonds and understanding with the riders and horses.
- Help riders grow intellectually, socially, physically, and emotionally.

Through the Equine-Assisted Therapy program, children and adults with special needs can:

- Improve their strength, coordination, and posture.
- Become more independent.
- Increase their confidence and self-esteem.
- Enrich their quality of life.

Therapeutic Riding Programs

- $\bullet\,$ The rapeutic horseback riding
- $\bullet \ Hippotherapy$
- Veterans Horsemanship Program



