

Wide Pine Farm Co-Op

The Ideal Co-Op Boarder

Wide Pine Farm Co-Op offers a unique and satisfying horse boarding experience. Ideal co-op boarders enjoy having a say in how their horses are cared for and are willing to participate in the care of all co-op horses.

Co-Op boarders come to the farm as often as they can; some as often as twice a day and others only a few times a week. The farm's co-operative system allows members who can't be at the barn on a daily basis to muck their stall to exchange stall mucking duties so all horses are well cared for. Likewise, members are expected to return favors and care for other owners' horses when at the barn.

Affordable Horse Boarding Option

Co-operative members share responsibilities that cut costs. Members work together and share responsibility for each other's horses and keeping the barn in good order. This means that Wide Pine Farm can keep co-op boarding rates at half of those of Full-Service Board. By buying in bulk, members can coordinate to save on additional hay, feed and shavings, wormers, vet calls, etc.

No Barn Manager Frustrations

Co-Op horse owners are not at the mercy of a barn manager's schedules or preferences. They have the liberty to decide how to care for their horses and are encouraged to do so. Owners get to decide when to blanket, feed, and care for their horses.

Limited Boarders

Many traditional barns have far too many horses with too few staff. At Wide Pine Farm horses' individual needs are known to all co-op members and each horse has many advocates. Limited boarders also keeps the arena from becoming overcrowded, even during lesson times. Communication and coordination is a hallmark of a cooperative.

Co-Op Application

Please include the following with your application:

1. A brief written essay (maximum 2 pages) addressing the following questions:
 - a. How will you and your horse be a benefit to the Wide Pine Farm Co-Op?
 - b. How do you plan to handle inevitable personal schedule conflicts and miscommunications among co-op members?
 - c. What will your top priorities be to the Co-Op and your horse?
 - d. Provide an example of when you took on a great responsibility or handled a stressful situation and how it was handled. Would you have done anything differently in hind-sight?

2. Provide proof of current (within one year) rabies and a negative Coggins test, as well as proof of Flu/Rhino vaccines within 6 months (photocopy is acceptable). Wide Pine Farm recommends the following vaccines: tetanus, EEE, WEE, Potomac Horse Fever, and East/West Nile.

3. Two letters of recommendation- from a former boarding facility owner, manager, and/or trainer. These must be from two different sources and not from a relative.

4. Please contact a member of the WPF Co-Op and arrange to spend one morning or evening working with that member. Once you have been able to shadow, you may submit your application along with the name of the member shadowed and the date.

Submit completed applications to WidePineFarm@gmail.com subject "Co-Op Application" and they will be forwarded to the community for review.

As a highly functional community is essential for a successful barn Co-Op, we expect members to rearrange their schedules to make room for your barn duties. We understand that family emergencies are a priority over your duties as a barn member. However, if you choose to be a part of the cooperative, your chosen barn duties take priority over jobs and other commitments.

Please honestly evaluate this time commitment before applying to the Co-Op.

Choose duties that sustainably compliment work/family schedules

Daily Choice of Co-Op Duties

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
AM Feed & Waters						
Clean Regular Stalls						
PM Feed and Waters						
Late Night Check & Make Gain						
Sweep Aisle						

Weekly Choice of Co-Op Duties

Hand Rake Track	Tidy Manure Area and Rake Sawdust up	Tidy/Clean out Hay Storage	Clean and Organize Wash Stall	Repair Fencing and paint panels
Clean Tack Room	Cobwebs and clean stall windows	Repair Hay Nets	Rake Driveway	Clean Buckets

Quarterly Barn Maintenance ½ Day (April, July, October, January)

Driveway and Parking	Major Footing Releveling	Gardens and weed wacking	Fencing	Build Jumps or other Equipment
Cobwebs and Powerwash	Mirrors and Windows	Other	Trail Maintenance	Run-out Paddock Maintenance

