

Volunteer Training Levels: The RideAbility volunteers advance through levels of training according to the work they have experienced and the extra training they have completed. There are 4 levels of volunteers – and in addition there are Horse Exercise volunteers and Horse Leader Trained volunteers. The levels are explained below.

- Rookie Volunteer Level:** A new volunteer who has completed at least the mandatory one hour training and filled out and handed in the following forms:
- Volunteer Application
 - Participation Form (with all signatures)
- Bronze Volunteer Level:** An experienced volunteer who has worked as a Rookie volunteer for at least 40 hours of volunteer time for RideAbility and has:
- Completed and handed in the RideAbility volunteer self-test
 - Continued to complete a Participation form annually
- Silver Volunteer Level:** An experienced volunteer who has worked as a Bronze volunteer for at least 40 hours (for a total of 80 hours) of volunteer time for RideAbility and has:
- Viewed three equine related or RideAbility approved safety/training videos
 - Continued to complete a Participation form annually
- Gold Volunteer Level:** An experienced volunteer who has worked as a Silver volunteer for at least 40 hours (for a total of 120 hours) of volunteer time for RideAbility and has:
- Read one of the designated RideAbility safety/training books
 - Volunteered on at least one staff team
 - Continued to complete a Participation form annually
- Horse Leader Volunteer:** A volunteer who has completed the horse leader training checklist.
- Horse Exercise Volunteer:** A volunteer who has completed the horse exercise checklist.
- Buddy Riding Volunteer:** A volunteer of at least bronze level who has completed the defined Buddy Riding requirements to achieve this level of responsibility with the horses.

Note: The volunteer hours can be accumulated doing any job related to RideAbility. These jobs include but are not limited to: Gatekeeper, barn cleaning and maintenance, sidewalking, horse leading, fundraising, presentations, office work, parades, horse exercising, instructing classes.