

GREAT OAK VOLUNTEER OATH

We are **safe**

Great Oak volunteers will engage in best practices as set forth in Volunteer Training. Safety is our number one priority and it is each volunteer's responsibility to ensure that they are providing a safe environment for our participants and equines.

We are **kind**

Great Oak volunteers will display kindness toward participants, families, staff, and other volunteers.

We are **respectful**

Great Oak volunteers will show compassion toward participants and their families. Inappropriate and derogatory language will not be tolerated. Use of such language could result in a volunteer being removed from the program.

We are **considerate**

Great Oak volunteers will always do their best to honor their commitment to Great Oak. If a volunteer is unable to make their scheduled shift, they will provide as much notice as possible to Great Oak staff. Great Oak volunteers understand that their presence is imperative for the riders to participate in their lessons. A volunteer no show may prevent a rider from participating in their lesson.

We are **conscientious**

Great Oak volunteers will always communicate safety concerns including those involving participants, equines, property, volunteers, and staff with Great Oak staff. This includes your personal safety and well being. If you are unhappy with your current role at Great Oak, please communicate with Great Oak staff so we can develop a solution.

We are **consistent**

Great Oak volunteers understand that Great Oak equines are to be handled in the manner that is set forth by Great Oak staff. If a volunteer has suggestions, they should bring it up with Great Oak staff and never implement a change in an equine's routine without consent.

We are **flexible**

Great Oak volunteers understand that Great Oak has set forth policies and procedures. However, daily programming will involve many variables and volunteers may be required to adapt to a variety of situations.



GREAT OAK

EQUINE ASSISTED PROGRAMS

GREAT OAK VOLUNTEER OATH

Failure to adhere with the Great Oak Volunteer Oath may result in removal from the program.

I, _____ (name of volunteer), have read and understand the Great Oak Volunteer Oath. By signing this Oath, I am accepting responsibility for following the above guidelines.

Signature

Date



GREAT OAK

EQUINE ASSISTED PROGRAMS

803-226-0056

1123 Edgefield Highway
Aiken, SC 29801

www.greatoakeap.org