

Horsemanship Training Program at Woodbine Racetrack FAQ: April 2018

What is the timing of the program?

The HOTWALKER (Groom Elite- Introduction to Grooming 099) program will run for two weeks from April 23rd - May 4th 2018

The GROOM (Groom Elite 101) program will run for four weeks from May 14th – June 8th 2018.

The program will run Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 1:00pm –4:00pm.

For more information about the Groom Elite program please visit:

<http://groomelite.com/groom.shtml?submenuheader=1&subexpandable=0>

Can I sign up for both courses?

Yes, you may sign up for both courses. It is mandatory to take the HOTWALKER course if you are new to working with horses.

Do I need experience with horses to enter the training program?

No, you do not need to have any prior experience with horses to enter the program. All levels are welcome. Those with no experience with horses must successfully complete the Hotwalker course before enrolling in the Groom course.

What is the class size of the program?

The program will hold a maximum of 20 participants. Please note, if a minimum number of participants is not met, the program may be postponed.

What type of hours do horsepeople work?

A day at the stables starts as early as 5:00am and goes until about 1:00 pm. If your horse is racing, the day could be longer. They typically work 6 days per week. The work season is from March– December.

What types of jobs do horsepeople have?

The starting position is a hotwalker. With more experience, hotwalkers can move on to become a groom, shedrow foreman, assistant trainer, exercise rider, veterinary assistant, blacksmith, etc.

Am I guaranteed employment after the training program is finished?

Graduates of the program will have the opportunity to be employed by the Trainers who work in the Woodbine stable area. There are over 150 trainers, and there are many open jobs (30+) for trained horse people. Members of the training program cannot guarantee a job for you, but will aid your search for a job in the Woodbine stable area after you have successfully completed the training program.

Do you provide accommodation throughout the training program?

Yes, accommodation is available for a fee of \$75 per week (1 roommate). Candidates enrolled in the training program will stay for free for the duration of the course. No children or pets allowed.

Is the training paid?

The training program is unpaid.

Is there a cost to the program?

There is no fee associated with the training program.

What can I expect as a starting wage once I land a job with a Trainer?

Hotwalkers make approx. \$350 per week. Grooms make approx. \$500-\$600 per week.

How do I apply?

Applications are available online www.wegcares.ca

When do I need to submit my application by?

The deadline to submit applications is April 1st 2018. Apply online at www.wegcares.ca

This program is presented by the Woodbine Entertainment Group & the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association of Ontario.

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