I was hoping I could reach some people who could forward this information on to any students (or anyone) who may be looking for a summer job or internship working with horses. Thank you very much for all your help!

My name is Kristyn. I work for a company called Sombrero Ranches. Sombrero is one of the largest guest horse operations in the country, currently running about 1500 head. The company has been around for 50 plus years and is still owned by the same family. Each year, several of our stables hire people from around the country to come spend a summer in Colorado working with horses. Each stable takes guests out on trail rides in the Rocky Mountains and maintains a herd of up to 150 horses at a time. This is an excellent opportunity for students interested in a summer job or an internship. I came out here after graduating college in May 2009 to experience something different for a summer and I enjoyed it so much that I am still here!

Most wranglers stay for about a 90 day period over the summer months. There is possible opportunity for a few to stay for a year, and if anyone is getting this letter that is not in school for the spring semester, we will need some wranglers to start working in March. Living quarters and most meals are provided in addition to a salary and tips. This job requires horse knowledge and solid experience, and a real love of working with people. It also is lots of work and long hours, but it is very rewarding. If you are someone who loves horses, people, and working outside you should consider applying. There is a wealth of information on the company and each stable online at [www.sombrero.com](http://www.sombrero.com). Please check it out and see if it could be something for you.

We are currently accepting applications for the summer 2015 season. You can go online at [www.sombrero.com](http://www.sombrero.com) and print an application (which I will also attach to the email). When applying, please include a paper (just a couple of paragraphs or so) describing your past experience with horses. Let us know if you have spent any time teaching children or adults how to ride. Let us know how long you have ridden, what kind of riding you have done, what kind of work you have done with horses, and if you have ever owned horses. Or if there is anything else you would like to include, please do! I would recommend including some reference contact information, and including a full length photo, so we have a face to place with your application. You do not need to send in an actual letter of reference, but if you do, please put it in the SAME envelope as your application, or else it might get lost! We ask that you try to have applications in around the beginning of February, as we try to have all hiring done by mid-March. There is no real deadline, but we will begin going over applications and hiring as we receive them in early-February. Please send applications directly to our stable address in Estes Park at:

 Sombrero Stables, 1895 Big Thompson Ave, Estes Park CO, 80517, re: Job Application

Again, please include ALL materials in the SAME envelope so that nothing is lost and everything is together!

Please feel free to ask me any questions at any time. Whether it is about the job description, the application, the living conditions, anything, just ask. We are more than happy to help! The stable office number is 970-586-4577 or you are welcome to email me at jobs@sombrero.com.

Thank you and we hope to hear from many of you all,

Kristyn Smith,

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