

Farmer/Rider/Equine Handler

(Full Time and Part Time Summer 2019 May - September)

Multiple positions available



Who We Are

Terre Bleu is Ontario's largest lavender farm and a rapidly growing family agro-tourism business. Every summer, Terre Bleu welcomes tens of thousands of visitors to share in the beauty of our farm and show how sustainable and organic farming can have a positive impact on the world in which we live. Our vision at Terre Bleu is to create an exceptional agro-tourism experience and to share our commitment to education, sustainability and personal well-being with our visitors. Team Bleu members become part of an inspired, innovative and committed group that share our vision and learn to work together and play together.

Who You Are

You are the foundation of Terre Bleu. You have a great knowledge of the importance of agriculture and understand what honest, hard work means. You demonstrate this hard working mentality by committing fully to your tasks and do whatever it takes to get the job done. You are an experienced rider with an absolute passion for all types of horses and disciplines. You are also passionate about connecting with people, sharing our story, education and speaking authentically about the ups and downs of farming lavender in Ontario. You aren't scared to get your hands dirty and have an innate desire to learn, connect, and push yourself beyond your limits.

A Day in the Life of a Terre Bleu Farmer/Equine Handler

- Field maintenance: weeding, planting, harvesting, drying and distilling lavender and other farm botanicals
- Assist in the care and maintenance of all farm horses
- Exercise and train farm horses and conduct show jumping, dressage and other equine skills for public demonstration
- Maintain all horse tack and equipment
- Conduct mounted farm patrols and customer horse interactions
- Groom horses for photoshoots and handling during the shoot
- Ability to drive horses with farm wagons or carriages is a definite additional asset
- Assist in other general animal care, maintenance, and general farm labor

- Clear, build and maintain farm fields and trail systems
- Passionately share the farm's story, farm practices and rules, botanical and animal information and product knowledge with our visitors
- Safely operate and maintain farm heavy and small equipment
- Maintain the farm property and facilities in a clean and orderly manner
- Manage a diverse and challenging set of duties.
- Assist Farm Ambassadors in other customer related tasks as needed

Requirements

- The ideal candidate is a university or senior high school student or recent graduate studying in an agriculture, animal science, veterinary medicine or a horticulture related field
- Actual farm experience is a great asset and farmers will be identified as junior and senior farmers based on prior experience and education
- Extensive equine care and management experience plus demonstrable horsemanship skills
- Proven show jumping, hunter and or dressage skills
- Highly capable of riding horses safely around the general public and hacking out on roads and trails
- Previous experience teaching riding to beginner and novice riders and or above is a definite asset
- Experience buying and selling horses and training greenbroke horses is an asset
- Friendly, confident & outgoing personality
- Able to work with a team as well as individually with little supervision
- Ability to work outdoors in a variety of weather conditions
- Strong, hardworking & independent
- An understanding and appreciation for nature, plants and animals is a great asset
- Readiness and ability to initiate. Reach out to people, ask questions, make recommendations, offer to help, and pitch ideas

The Finer Print

- Hours expectation: 37.5 hours per week, including weekends
- Applicants must be available from Early May to September 2, 2019
- Please note our location before applying
- Salary based on experience and qualifications
- Riders with their own horse might also be able board and train their horse on the farm during the season

To Apply

- Applicants should send their resume along with a cover letter to info@terrebleu.ca outlining their background and why they are the right fit for this role and Terre Bleu.
- Please title your email subject line as [POSITION YOU ARE APPLYING FOR] - TERRE BLEU. If you wish to apply to multiple positions, please indicate so in your cover letter.
- Applicants are encouraged to apply early as these positions only remain posted until the jobs are filled.

*Please note only applicants chosen for an interview will be contacted.