



# 2022/2023 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

HI, IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU!

Are you a hardworking, collaborative, and self-motivated individual passionate about horses and horse people? We would love to work with you!

Desert International Horse Park (DIHP) is a premier equestrian event company based in Thermal, CA. DIHP operates from the end of October through mid-March and features both FEI and nationally-rated hunter/jumper and dressage competitions. In the major Fall and Winter circuits, the desert becomes home for over 2,000 horses each week and offers over \$7 million in prize money. DIHP is proud to cater to professionals and junior/amateur riders alike, leading the industry in offering lower level highlight classes like the DIHP Adult Equitation Challenge and 2'6-2'9" Child/Adult Hunter Derby.

DIHP is currently seeking internship candidates who are interested in learning more about event sponsorship and marketing. Interns will also gain valuable professional experience and will learn about all aspects of our business including event logistics, horse show management, operations, hospitality, and communications. There are both paid and unpaid positions available depending on experience and housing is included regardless. Intern candidates should be friendly, motivated, and hardworking with strong writing, project management, and organizational skills. Interns will need to work well under pressure and possess excellent communication and customer service skills. An understanding and familiarity with the hunter-jumper and/or dressage world is a plus.

Internship dates (can be flexible):

October 24 - November 20

- National Sunshine Series
- Desert Dressage I and II

November 30-December 18

- Desert Holiday - Major League Show Jumping, CSI5\*
- Desert Dressage III

January 2-March 19

- Desert Circuit
- Desert Dressage IV and V

Internships are focused on Marketing & Communications and/or Sponsorship & Hospitality. Housing and daily meals are provided. If you are particularly interested in any of the following, please indicate that on your application.

#### Marketing & Communications

- Assist with all marketing & communication efforts including press releases, newsletters, social media, email blasts
- Liaison with event photographers and organize photo library
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- Help interview and transcribe interview audio
- Manage talking points and material for the Live Stream commentators for each broadcast
- Assist with facilitating media requests
- Other projects as assigned

#### Sponsorship & Hospitality

- Assist with sponsorship sales and fulfillment, including the on-site activation and coordination of benefits for all our partners
- Management of our hospitality areas, including the VIP Club, Riders Lounge, etc.
- Help plan and execute events and activities and other special promotions throughout the series
- Help with other projects and tasks as assigned
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All interns should be willing to work some long days and weekends. They should also be comfortable on their feet for long periods of time and may be asked to help with lifting and set-up at the venue.

Interested candidates should send their cover letter, resume, and availability to Tori Bilas at [tori@deserthorsepark.com](mailto:tori@deserthorsepark.com).