



Mahlstedt Ranch is seeking a colt starter

Pre-requisites:

Ideal candidate would be someone who has ridden under a professional trainer and is looking to establish their own business by starting high quality horses for a reputable breeder.

A willingness to learn is appreciated. We will ride with/help troubleshoot as necessary; however, we are running a ranch and will not supervise constantly.

This position requires someone with colt starting experience. Do not apply if you haven't started at least 12 colts. You must be comfortable and capable of starting colts 100% on your own and have the references and videos to prove it.

We typically use a Ray Hunt/Buck Branaman style of colt starting, Different methods are welcome; **However**, you will be hired to RIDE the colts, not spend a whole summer on groundwork.

Job Requirements:

Must ride each colt 5 times/week minimum. You will be required to keep a detailed calendar record of work done with each horse.

6-10 MRI horses at a time (room for up to 4 outside/personal horses at a time, but you must provide feed for them and there will not be pasture for them.)

Moving and working cattle and electric fence (even on foot occasionally)

Help at halter breaking, assist with trimming feet (mostly yearlings), working & castrating yearlings, sorting and moving mare bunches.

You must do arena maintenance (water, rip, and groom as needed. Can be taught, but prior equipment driving preferred.)

Feed roping calves daily.

Can go daywork/brand/rope/ranch rodeo, etc. so long as it does not inhibit all colts from getting ridden regularly. Must take your own rig to haul (no ranch rig will be available)

Compensation/benefits:

This will start as a summer position. Potential for a long-term arrangement may be possible.

Pay will be discussed during interview. Housing and beef are included.

You will be on workman's compensation for insurance.

Potential bonus/commission on horses we sell that you've done the riding on.

Finding trainers to ride with, clinics, shows, jackpots, etc. to attend to further your knowledge is encouraged and we will work with you to make it possible in your schedule.

About us:

We ranch in eastern Montana and have raised registered Quarter horses for more than 60 years. We run several stallion bunches and wean 30-40 foals each year. We raise cattle and put up most of our own hay. We also offer Agritourism and have guests, retreats, and camps during the summer months.

Our facilities include a round pen, large outdoor arena, breakaway dummy and drag, breakaway calves, 20 sections of land to ride on, and broke horses to use for ponying/starting colts.

To Apply:

Please text Tana @ 406-939-1890 to arrange a phone discussion to determine if the job is a fit.

The next step will be to send the following:

1. Completed job application (will be emailed to you)
2. Detailed description of how you meet the job requirements.
3. Minimum of 2 professional references who can confirm your experience & expertise
4. Videos of you working horses at various levels of colt starting and training.

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