

# **Burlington County Sheriff's Department**

## **2019 Equestrian Mentoring Program**

The **Sheriff's Equestrian Mentoring Program** offers youth who are showing signs of problematic behavior an opportunity to actively engage in character building and experiential exercises and sessions designed to empower them to make positive and healthy life choices. The program has two components which include a Saturday Orientation and a ten-week Equestrian Facilitated Program that meets on Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Gleneayre Farms in Lumberton Township.

The program targets youth between the ages of 12 and 17 years of age. Youth may be referred by parents, chaplains, educators, youth service programs and local police departments. Ten teens are referred to each session of the Equestrian Program. Parents receive written rules along with registration documents and directions to the program locations.

The Saturday orientation consists of tours to the Burlington County Jail, a presentation by a former gang member turned professional boxer and interaction with the officers. Students do not come into direct contact with inmates but do get the opportunity to see firsthand what life is like in a correctional institution. Lunch is provided.

The equestrian facilitated program at Gleneayre Farms uses horses and experiential learning activities to teach students lessons about truthfulness, integrity, anger management and other topics that will help them develop important life skills. This program is for students who will benefit from long term mentoring. This is not a riding program. Students are outside at times and need to wear appropriate clothing and sturdy shoes/boots.

Students work closely with sheriff's officers as they participate in the program. In addition, there are three equestrian instructors at each session to teach the curriculum and to guide the participant's discussions. It concludes with a graduation celebration.

This is a free program that is provided by the Burlington County Sheriff's Department through grant funding. For questions call 609-845-2829. Dates are as follows:

Class # 20: Orientation on 03/02/19 Classes from 03/07/19 - 05/09/19

Class # 21: Orientation on 06/01/19 Classes from 06/06/19 - 08/15/19 (no class 4<sup>th</sup> of July)

Class # 22: Orientation on 09/14/19 Classes from 09/19/19 - 11/21/19

To refer a student, please complete the Equestrian Mentoring Program referral form and return it to:

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PO Box 6000  
49 Rancocas Road  
Mount Holly, NJ 08060  
[rrivera@co.burlington.nj.us](mailto:rrivera@co.burlington.nj.us)

**BURLINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
EQUESTRIAN MENTORING PROGRAM – PREVENTION YOUTH  
REFERRAL FORM**

Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency referring: \_\_\_\_\_

Person referring: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth's address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Youth's telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth's age: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth's date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth's sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth race: \_\_\_\_\_

Charges (if no charges or station house adjustment please state that here):

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Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Please print clearly.

Please return completed form to Roxana Rivera, Burlington County Sheriff's Department via:

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