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ALPINE ALTITUDE ADVENTURE



SK HORSES: INTERNSHIP IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN

NATIONAL PARK - ESTES PARK CO

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MAIN TASKS/ DUTIES PERFORMED

TOP 3 MAIN TASKS/ DUTIES PERFORMED:

1. GIVING TOURS FOR 8-10 HOURS A DAY
2. PREPARING HORSES FOR THE DAY (GROOMING, SADDLING, FEEDING)
3. ICING/ MEDICATING HORSES - KEEP THEM MAINTAINED

SKILLS LEARNED

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- COMMUNICATION -
- PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS
- TIME MANAGEMENT



NEW EXPERIENCES

- WATCHING OVER 2-7 GUESTS AND THEIR HORSES ON THE TRAIL.
- SEEING WILDLIFE FROM A CLOSE DISTANCE
- HELPING GUESTS MOUNT AND DISMOUNT THEIR HORSES SAFELY



ADVICE FOR MAINTAINING AN INTERNSHIP

FIRST, WHEN LOOKING FOR AN INTERNSHIP, DON'T BE AFRAID TO TRY SOMETHING OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE. INTERNSHIPS ARE A GOOD WAY TO TEACH, TEST, AND LEARN THINGS ABOUT YOURSELF. IT WAS MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY CHALLENGING, BUT ALSO THE MOST REWARDING EXPERIENCE. THE PEOPLE YOU MEET, EXPERIENCES YOU HAVE, AND SIGHTS YOU SEE ARE WELL WORTH THE TIME SPENT.



DURING MY INTERNSHIP, I EXPERIENCED PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH. I WAS TAUGHT PATIENCE, PERSEVERANCE, AND BEING ABLE TO COMMUNICATE CREATIVELY. I WAS ABLE TO TAKE IN ALL OF THE SIGHTS. I AM VERY HAPPY WITH ALL OF THE RELATIONSHIPS I MADE, AND ALL OF THE EXPERIENCES I WAS ABLE TO HAVE.

