Hello Montana Western,

My name is Jori Wendt and I am the barn manager of Wind River Ranch, a Christian family guest ranch in Estes Park, Colorado.

I am reaching out because we are looking to hire full-season wranglers to serve in our program from mid-May until mid-October. I would like to get the word out to your horsemanship students, specifically those who would be available to stay through October (likely Seniors). Would this email address be the right office to talk to about this opportunity?

Montana Western came to mind because I worked with one of your alumni at a previous operation and was very impressed with her skills and knowledge that she gained from your horsemanship program.

Below is a brief job description. We have a very unique staff culture at Wind River Ranch. The staff crew becomes a family and they truly have a heart to serve for a greater purpose.

Please let me know other communication channels or steps that I would be happy to take in order to reach out to your students.

Thank you so much,

Kindly,

Jori Wendt

Barn Manager- Wind River Ranch

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**Wind River Ranch- Wrangler**

**Wrangler Job Overview:**

*The horse program at Wind River Ranch creates an experience for our guests to connect with others and with the Lord while from the back of a horse. Wranglers are responsible for the safety, instruction, and leadership of riders on mountain trails as well as in the arena; the well-being and development of a herd of 80+ horses; and all other barn programming and functioning.*

**Helpful Qualifications:**

* Must have a growing relationship with Jesus Christ
* Others-oriented with a genuine love for people
* Extensive western riding experience and excellent horsemanship skills.
* Must be coachable and a team player with a diligent, servant heart.
* Excellent verbal communication skills
* Professionalism, patience, and kindness in all interactions with horses and humans
* Confidence in leading large groups and giving articulate instruction/correction.
* Able to ask for help, for forgiveness, and receive feedback.
* Spiritually and emotionally mature with personal integrity and honesty
* Physical stamina and ability to perform duties.
* Able to respond well in emergency situations.

**Overview of Expectations/Duties:**

* Integrate Christian faith into horse program activities and guest interactions
* Shepherding and maintaining a herd of over 80 horses
* Supervising and managing the safety and experience of guests with/on horses.
* Daily chores and care of all equipment and barnyard facilities.
* Teaching horsemanship and riding skills to all ages of guests.
* Leading and managing all horses and riders on mountain trails and in arena.
* Jingling, catching, saddling and safety checking all horses.
* Maintaining and repairing trails
* Record keeping and barn data entry
* Facilitating barn and ranch-wide programming.
* Developing/training horses
* Showing up daily in clean, professional western attire from head to toe.
* Willingness and flexibility to perform tasks/duties beyond those typically assigned

**Helpful Pre-Requisites/ Skills:**

* Experience in the following areas:
  + Teaching western riding lessons
  + Leading trail rides
  + Leadership in a ministry setting
  + Group management skills
  + Training horses in western disciplines
  + Reading and moving livestock
  + Driving stock trailers and other farm equipment
  + Creating/updating Xcel spreadsheets
  + Doctoring/vetting wounds and equine illness