

SMITH FORK RANCH

Smith Fork Ranch is a family owned guest ranch with a current capacity of 26-28 guests. This intimate, high-end guest ranch is located roughly midway between Aspen and Telluride, Colorado. Straddling three miles of the Smith Fork River Valley, its compound of historic buildings sits at 7100 feet altitude, surrounded by 1.2 million acres of the Gunnison National Forest and 10,000-12,000 ft peaks of the West Elk Range of the Rocky Mountains. The ranch is located about 7 miles East of the town of Crawford (pop 350) and 25 minutes from the north rim of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park; 2 hours from Aspen; 2 ½ hours from Telluride; 1 ¾ hours from Grand Junction, 4 ½ hours SW of Denver, Colorado.

While the ranch dates back to the early 20th century, its current life as a high-end guest ranch began in 2002, after an extensive three-year restoration by the Hodgson family. In addition to its stunningly beautiful location, primary characteristics are handsomely appointed accommodations in the rustic tradition; a wine cellar of over 250 outstanding wines; gourmet cuisine; and a wide variety of outdoor activities (featuring fly fishing on extensive private waters, horseback riding, sporting clays, long-bow archery, mountain biking and hiking) customized to the desires of the guests.

Position: Seasonal Ranch Hand/Maintenance Assistant

JOB DESCRIPTION

This position encompasses a large variety of tasks from basic ranch duties such as fence building, irrigation, mowing and pasture work; as well as maintenance and upkeep of buildings. This person will be responsible for daily chores and troubleshooting as well as repair of basic electrical and plumbing systems.

RESPONSIBILITIES & REQUIREMENTS

- Basic Carpentry
- Plumbing and electrical skills
- Vehicle & Machinery maintenance
- Grounds keeping, gardening, landscaping, lawn and field irrigation (esp. gated pipe)
 - Daily duties such as mowing both grass and rough cut and raking and as well. Farm garden help will be part of the job as well
- Equipment operation (i.e., skid steer, vehicles, and various small equipment)
- Firewood cutting, hay hauling, trail clearing (i.e. knowledge of chainsaw, hand saw and pruning tools a must)
- Winter duties will include snow removal; operation of snow blower and use of associated hand tools should be expected.
- Building / Facility Maintenance & upkeep
- A person skilled in maintenance tasks is a must. Everything from painting and finishing work to carpentry and electrical and plumbing skills. Need not be a professional in these areas but familiar and mechanically minded enough to problem solve and proceed with confidence quickly and efficiently.
- Stock work is a plus but at a minimum, should be comfortable with horses in the movement from pastures as well as potential pinch-hitting as horseback trail guide.
- Heavy lifting will be required.
- Ability to follow instruction and work as a team member is crucial. An upbeat and positive attitude is vital in providing an excellent guest experience.



Smith Fork Ranch is a close-knit team oriented community. Everyone must be willing to pitch in and help on occasion, where ever needed, including wood cutting, lawn care, housekeeping, washing dishes, vehicles, etc.

The Ranch Hand reports to the Ranch Foreman of Smith Fork Ranch

Compensation

Competitive salary based on ability and experience. Housing, meals and share of employee tip pool.

To Apply

Fill out our online application or Mail/Email application, cover letter, resume and photo to:

Smith Fork Ranch

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