



Cowboy Joe Pony Handler Application 2013- 2014 **DUE May 7th, 2013**

Cowboy Joe is a long-time symbol of the University of Wyoming.

Role of a UW Pony Handler:

Mission: As a Cowboy Joe Handler, you represent the University of Wyoming at athletic events, major Wyoming shows such as Cheyenne Frontier Days and the Wyoming State Fair, and other notable university activities such as Homecoming and Family Weekend. In addition to interacting with the public, handlers are responsible escorting Joe to these events, training, grooming, and feeding.

Feeding- Each individual handler will be responsible to feed Cowboy Joe in the morning and evening every day, one week a month.

Home Football Game Day- Handlers are required to meet at the school farm to feed and groom Joe. They are required to be at Tailgate Park before it opens on game days, lead the band and team in the Cowboy Walk, which is typically 3 hours prior to kick off, and have Joe at Tailgate Park for “meet and greet.” Handlers will be on the field with Cowboy Joe during games and will be responsible for running Joe around the field at the beginning of the game and after touchdowns. During certain games, Cowboy Joe will also a part of the half time festivities.

Parades- Handlers will be expected to participate in selected summer events such as Laramie Jubilee Days Parade (first week in July), both Saturday parades at Cheyenne Frontier Days (last two Saturdays in July), and the Wyoming State Fair (3rd week in August). During the school year, handlers will also participate in the UW Homecoming parade and other university-wide activities.

Appearance & Clothing- As representatives of the University of Wyoming, the handlers are expected to look and behave professionally at every Cowboy Joe event. Handlers are required to provide their own dark wash jeans, cowboy boots, and straw cowboy hat. The rest of our uniform is provided and paid for with the Cowboy Joe Handler Fund.

Other Expectations- If selected, you will be a handler until graduation or fourth year of college attendance. The current handlers will be part of the selection process each spring. If a handler quits before graduation, that individual will be expected to reimburse the handler fund the cost of the clothing provided. Remain in good academic standing.

Handler Award- In appreciation for volunteering, each handler will receive a performance award of \$500/semester.

Eligibility requirements:

- Full-time student
- In good academic standing
- Plan to be in Laramie for the entire 2013/14 Academic Year

9. Please tell us why you want to be a Cowboy Joe Pony Handler and what makes you the best candidate for the position.

The information in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this information, as well as other relevant information from my student records, including grades, will be shared with the selection committee for review.

Signature

Date.

Return or e-mail your completed application to:

Anne Leonard, room 151, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources, aleonard@uwyo.edu.