# Service Description – Maverick

*"Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men, knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ." (Col. 3:23-24 HCSB)*

## Service Title:
Maverick

## Ministry Purpose:
To serve mentors through offering help with errands or horse skills.

## Position Qualifications:
- Be a minimum of 14 years of age.
- Generally, must be proficient and competent in assisting others with horsemanship skills. Horsemanship skills include grooming, tacking up, groundwork, and riding. Proficiency will be determined by program leadership. Priority will be given to those who are proficient on all items listed on the Haven Acres Horsemanship checklist.
- Have a desire to serve kids and teens.
- Demonstrate a willing and teachable spirit.
- Be committed and reliable.

## Serving Relationships:
Mavericks are under the care of the President (Jason Heath), the Executive Program Director (Jenifer Heath), and the Assistant Program Director (Holly Janik). During sessions mavericks are also under the leadership of the overseer. Any questions, comments, or issues are gladly received by the leaders and will be addressed in a prompt and caring manner.

## Maverick Expectations/Responsibilities:
- **Make a welcoming environment for the participants!** Smile at them, say hi, ask for their names, etc.
- **Be available for mentors** when they need assistance with their horse, while at the same time generally keeping enough distance between themselves and the mentor/mentee so that the mentee feels free to share with the mentor.
- **Help set up** for sessions and help with jobs such as filling fly spray bottles, picking up manure, opening gates, resetting obstacles, etc.

- **Keep an eye out for potential or immediate safety crises** – if one occurs, mavericks are in charge of the horse (not the child) in the situation. Mavericks are responsible to step in to a session if a safety issue is apparent.
- **Side-walk** with participants who need extra help with balance while riding.
- **Run errands for mentors** so that they don't have to leave their mentee alone.
- **Attend volunteer meeting 30 minutes prior to weekly sessions** to pray and discuss objectives and tasks for that session.
- **Assist mentors and participants with horsemanship skills *when asked for.***
- **Ask for help** when a situation is beyond the bounds of their knowledge.

## Other Requirements:

- **Abide** by the confidentiality agreement.
- **Attend spring training** sessions to be prepared for the season.
- **Commit** to serving in the maverick position for the whole 12-week summer season. Two absences or less are highly preferred. Option to serve in fall sessions as well.

## Benefits for Mavericks:

- Satisfaction from serving in a ministry that helps hurting and at-risk youth.
- Experience volunteering in a non-profit.
- Experience working with horses and people.