

**2018 April 22**

Dear Ocate Cliffs family,

It's April, which means it's time to make travel plans for the retreat in June. There are currently 19 signed up and that's very close to capacity. I will start a waiting list and there could be cancellations, so please sign up soon if you can make it.

Here's the full info: <http://www.divergentlabs.org/ocatecliffs/volunteer/work-retreat-june-2018/>

At Ocate Cliffs we don't have a program of helping people. Well sure, I do what I can, but it is more like I'm asking people to help me and us and each other. Come here if you have something to offer, not just to take. I think that is one big difference between this and a lot of disability-related programs: no one is just a recipient here.



We have four new residents of the mountain, three of whom are horses and one is our newest staffer, Rae from Rhode Island (left in the picture). All creatures need company, and with that in mind, we still have paid and volunteer spots open for disabled staffers - short to long term.

Here is a link to Rae's blog: <https://rachelsautismspace.wordpress.com/>

On other topic, if you are looking for on line spaces for autistic collaboration with an academic flavor, take a look at AutCollab:

<https://autcollab.org/community/online-discussion/>

<http://autistic.zone> - some conversation from the group may be here as well

In service, Star, Program Manager