

## Stokes County Extension Intern

**Location:** Stokes County

**Program Area:** 4-H Youth Development, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Sciences

**Immediate/Site Supervisor:** Emily Cope

**Other Mentors and Supervisors:** Kendra Phipps, Taylor Hartman, Savannah Moore, Taylor Darnell, Bryan Hartman

### Position Description/Responsibilities:

The intern will have the opportunity to work with all program subject areas in Cooperative Extension at the Stokes County center. Programming priorities range from livestock and forages, commercial and consumer horticulture, natural resources, 4-H youth development, and family consumer sciences.

Stokes County Cooperative Extension office is responsible for overseeing and running the Walnut Cove Farmers Market. Vendors offer a variety of locally grown and produced products from artisan breads to strawberries. Stokes County Cooperative Extension staff offer food cooking demonstrations, gardening tips and tricks, and preservation basics, to name a few, as our educational series during the market. The intern would have the opportunity to participate in weekly market demonstrations. From Lamb Camp to Robotics High-gear camp, Summer Fun is a great time for Stokes County youth to learn valuable life skills all while having fun.

Summer interns assist with facilitating camps and mentoring youth. The intern will assist with responding to agricultural producer questions, needs, and challenges that arise. Whether through farm site visits to interpretation of forage and soil analyses reports, the intern will have the opportunity to work alongside our agriculture agents. Participate in website and newspaper content writing.

### Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

- This internship will utilize the intern's interest areas. Emphasis will be given to their areas of interest.
- Eagerness for learning
- Willingness to participate in all program areas
- Agricultural knowledge is preferred, but not necessary

### Benefits/skills student will gain through this internship:

- Develop critical thinking skills
- Gain customer service skills
- Establish valuable communication skills.
- Gain experiences in working with partnerships and building strong community collaborations
- Exposure to program planning and evaluation.
- Learn about local county governments and the vital relationship county governments have to the success of Extension.
- Learn to deliver educational information to adult and youth audiences.
- Identify agricultural producer issues and challenges.
- On-farm troubleshooting.

### Additional Information

Stokes County, located in northwest North Carolina, is home to the Sauratown Mountains, The Dan River, and Hanging Rock State Park. The Stokes County Agricultural Industry includes 856 farms on 92,904 acres. Stokes County is 8th in hay production, 15th in layers, and 22nd in cattle production in the state. Also, Stokes County is home to 51 fruit, nut, and berry farms.