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Harnett County Extension Intern

Location: Harnett County
Program Area: 4-H Youth Development
Immediate/Site Supervisor: Jackie Helton
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Position Description/ Responsibilities:

The Harnett County 4-H Summer Intern will support the Harnett County 4-H Summer Fun program by assisting with the planning and delivery of hands-on educational workshops for youth. The intern will work closely with 4-H staff to help create a safe, engaging, and fun learning environment for 4-H members throughout the summer.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Assist with preparation of materials and supplies for Summer Fun workshops
- Help teach and facilitate a variety of 4-H Summer Fun sessions
- Support supervision of 4-H members during activities alongside Extension staff
- Help set up, clean up, and organize workshop spaces
- Serve as a positive role model for youth participants

Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

- Interest in youth development, education, agriculture, or related fields
- Ability to work well with youth and as part of a team
- Organized, dependable, and enthusiastic
- Willingness to assist with hands-on, interactive activities
- Classes offered each summer include cooking, sewing, quilting, rocketry, electric, STEM, gardening, Farm to Fork, and many more.

Benefits/skills student will gain through this internship:

- Build transferable career skills: leadership, communication, teamwork, time management, and problem-solving
- Experience facilitating group learning, managing youth behavior, and adapting instruction for different ages
- Strengthen résumé and interview readiness through hands-on, applied work experience
- Apply academic coursework to real-world youth development and community education settings
- Experience planning, preparing, and implementing educational workshops
- Learn how to support safe, inclusive, and engaging learning environments for youth
- Learn about the mission, structure, and impact of NC State Extension and 4-H Youth Development
- Work alongside Extension professionals and gain insight into careers in Extension, education, agriculture, and community development
- Develop professional references and expand networks within NC State Extension
- Increase confidence working with youth in a supervised, supportive setting
- Serve as a positive role model and mentor for 4-H members
- Grow as a leader while contributing to meaningful community programming

Additional Information

In 2025, we served over 120 different youth in over 220 spaces in our sessions; for information, please visit:
<https://harnett.ces.ncsu.edu/4-h-summer-fun-3/>

We have also remodeled our office kitchen, "The North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund Commission Educational Kitchen", with funds from the NCTTFC and can create educational videos in this exemplary facility.



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