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Orange County Extension Intern

Location: Orange County

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

Immediate/Site Supervisor: Jonathon Smith

Other Mentors and Supervisors: Ivelisse Colón, Mike Ortosky, Mart Bumgarner, Kathleen Rogers

Position

Description/Responsibilities:

The internship will encompass a wide variety of assignments to give the intern a comprehensive understanding of the work of Cooperative Extension in Orange County.

Projects may include, but are not limited to:

- Leading activities with K-12 students enrolled in our 4-H summer day camps
- Work with farmers at the Breeze Farm Incubator to apply sustainable horticultural and agronomic practices on farms
 - Assist in developing business plans with farmers
 - Assist with livestock projects
 - Participate in on-farm visits
 - Assist with county and district dairy shows
 - Conduct plant and soil sample analysis
- Assist with database development for local farm products
 - Design and implement food safety courses
 - Educate the public about SNAP eligibility and how to apply through the More In My Basket program.
- Conduct data analyses, mapping, and strategic planning for local foods and food security work
 - Research and publish content articles for the County Extension website.
- Perform general community outreach via Extension social media accounts as well as the County Extension website.

Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

- Courses or professional experience in agriculture, nutrition, business management, youth development, food security, and/or marketing would be preferable

Benefits/skills student will gain through this internship:

- Hands-on application of skills
- Youth instruction experience
- Gain knowledge of local foods and the local food system
- Learn about farmers' markets and other agricultural market channels
- Improve team-building skills
- Gain experience in research and data analysis of local food systems
- Work with farmers to gain a stronger understanding of the needs of farms and other local agribusinesses
- Learn new methods of communication and practice your skills to reach a variety of Extension audiences.



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