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Macon County

County/Worksite Location: Macon County Cooperative Extension

Proposal/Program Area: 4-H

Project Title: Youth Life Skills that Last a Lifetime

Immediate/ Site Supervisor: Tammara Talley, 4-H Agent

Other mentors/supervisors:

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Alan Durden, CED

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Project summary and intended outcomes:

Macon County 4-H provides "4-H Summer Relief" day-camp each year for local youth in our county. Summer activities include one, two and three day guided activities in science, cooking, sewing, crafts, outdoor exploration and healthy lifestyles.

Our project goals are to provide life-skill training during the summer in a fun setting with fun projects. According to the National Summer Learning Association, "all young people experience learning losses when they do not engage in educational activities during the summer".

A summer intern would have the opportunity to have hands-on experience preparing and teaching Summer Relief activities and programs. This person would also have the opportunity to work with Macon County's summer youth livestock program which includes steers, lambs, rabbits and horses.

Two travel opportunities would be available for this summer intern: 4-H Congress and the West District 3-day Horse Clinic



What qualifications and previous coursework does the student need in order to be prepared for this internship, if any?

Communication skills - be able to communicate with multiple ages and education levels from 5-year old to County Commissioners

Computer skills - the ability to help input data and manage county 4-H records - Microsoft Word, Excel, internet and social media

Marketing - analyze and help improve Macon County's basic social media presence
Intern must be willing to be flexible and work in a variety of summer conditions.

What benefits/skills will the student gain through this internship?

Student will gain real world experience working in the field with a 4-H Agent, learning about Cooperative Extension and volunteer recruitment and training.

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This internship is part of the Rural Works! Program, an NC State Initiative to place interns in rural Tier 1 counties. For more information:

<https://careers.dasa.ncsu.edu/gain-experience/rural-works/>