

Chatham County Extension Intern

Location: Chatham County Cooperative Extension

Program Area: 4-H

Project Title: Fieldwork with 4-H, FCS, and Agriculture Agents

Immediate/Site Supervisor: Ginger Cunningham

Other mentors/supervisors: Phyllis Smith, Ashley Robbins, Matt Jones, Liz Mauney

Position Description/Responsibilities:

The intern will have the ability to work with Extension professionals (agriculture, FCS, and 4-H) to plan and implement educational programming for clientele within Chatham County. While the intern will work primarily with the 4-H program to assist with youth programming during the summer months, the student will have the opportunity to assist in preparing, planning, and providing instruction for a variety of Extension events. Likewise, the intern will have the opportunity to participate in community conferences, advisory board meetings, and assist with volunteer trainings.

Overall, it is hoped that by completing this internship experience, the student will be able to better explore career options within Extension as well as increasing their overall skill sets useful for future internships and employment. As such, the intern will have substantial practical work experience that should be viewed favorably by future employers.

Additional Information:

As noted previously, this individual will be working primarily with the 4-H program assisting with youth summer camps.

Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

- Exceptional organizational and planning skills
- Experience working with volunteers and youth
- Possesses enthusiasm for learning
- Capable and committed to working with diverse populations
- Able to work flexible hours
- Willing to assist with overnight 4-H functions

Benefits/skills student will gain through this internship:

- Will be able to better explore career options within Extension
- Increase their overall skill sets useful for future employment
- Will be able to utilize skills learned within classroom settings, in conjunction with mentorship provided by Extension professionals, in real-world applications
- Experiential learning opportunities that cannot be gained solely through classroom instruction