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Gaston County Extension Intern

Location: Gaston County

Program Area: Family and Consumer Sciences

Immediate/Site Supervisor: David Fogarty, CED

Other mentors/supervisors: Linda Minges, FCS Agent; Judith Garcia, EFNEP Educator

Position Description/Responsibilities:

The intern responsibilities will focus on Family and Consumer Science programming, in particular three projects:

Gaston County is implementing the new Extension Master Food Volunteer (EMFV) Program in 2020. The summer intern will assist with gathering input from EMFVs to determine future training needs, marketing strategies, and volunteer opportunities.

Summer is a busy time for youth programs in Gaston County. The intern will help organize a 4-H Health Rocks programs for middle school students and will work directly with EFNEP and FCS staff to plan and deliver multi-day youth workshops on cooking healthy with local foods.

As part of a Statewide Local Foods Team, the intern will help create and test local foods recipes at farmers markets in order to develop local foods demo kits for Extension programs. They may also assist with developing strategies for Gaston County food banks to incorporate local foods.

Additional Information:

The intern will be provided office space at the NC Cooperative Extension office in Dallas, NC. We can provide nearby affordable housing leads through our network of Extension volunteers. Gaston County is located just west of bustling Charlotte, NC and still enjoys some rural communities and great outdoor opportunities like Crowders Mt. State Park.

Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

- Rising junior or senior student with a focus on Extension education, youth programming, food science, or public health
- Ability to work with diverse audiences and some experience in working with youth and/or community volunteers is also preferred

Benefits/skills student will gain through this internship:

- Intern will gain experience in planning, delivering, and evaluating Extension programs
- The intern will gain experience in working as a professional team member, and will be encouraged to develop communication skills within the team and with the public.
- They will gain hands-on experience with teaching healthy living skills to diverse audiences (including youth, seniors, and limited resource)
- The intern will gain experience in working with community partnerships and will develop volunteer management skills. In particular, we will partner with Gaston College's Upward Bound program to engage 60 high school youth in volunteer roles with Extension programs.

