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New Hanover County Extension Intern

Location: New Hanover County

Program Area: 4-H Youth Development, Agriculture and Natural Resources

Immediate/Site Supervisor: Lloyd Singleton, CED

Other mentors/supervisors: Scott Enroughty, 4-H Agent; Heather Kelejian, Therapeutic Horticulture Agent

Position Description/Responsibilities:

Works with Extension Agents (Commercial Horticulture, Therapeutic Horticulture, and 4-H/Youth Development) and program staff to coordinate and implement hands-on, educational program events and activities. This will likely include 4-H Summer Camps and Therapeutic Summer program implementation at the Davis Community and Sunshine Camp with Lower Cape Fear Hospice.

Participates in meetings where local issues are identified and prioritized, and program results and plans are discussed. This will include Alliance for Cape Fear Trees and the Wilmington Farmers Market at Tidal Creek.

Assists in preparations for planned events and activities by gathering information, assembling materials, contacting participants, and soliciting support from external sources. This will include a Developer/Builder Education program on stormwater management methods modeled at the Extension Center. As appropriate, conducts the teaching, training, or other program presentations. This may include instruction of some arborist training for at-risk youth as part of a Tree Surgeon Boot Camp.

The intern may identify and develop a value-added process, program, or training tool that may be implemented within the hosting unit's current operations. In particular, the intern will be asked to develop and boost the Ability Garden presence in social media and web-sites, creating content format and coordinated posting schedules and linking accounts.

This contribution should provide a substantial addition to the intern's resume as practical and applicable work experience.

Maintains a log, blog, or journal, as outlined by the Internship Coordinator, outlining internship experiences in order to complete the required record of internship. Completes and submits record of internship at the conclusion of the internship. Copy for a newsletter article and newspaper article about duties and experiences may be requested at end of internship.

Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

- Horticulture/Agriculture coursework
- Greenhouse Management/Plant Propagation
- Social Work/Therapeutic Horticulture
- Food Systems/Vegetable Production
- Stormwater Management Systems

Benefits/skills student will gain through this internship:

- The intern will be trained and use Therapeutic Horticulture methods in the Ability Garden programs.
- Exposure to Board communications and functions will provide insight into community development in an urban setting.
- Work developing educational programming on stormwater management for a typically unreceptive audience will prove a worthy challenge.
- Teaching some elements of arboriculture to an at-risk youth audience (with agent support) will be a unique educational experience.
- Writing, developing, and coordinating various media for communication of work accomplished is good experience for any future career.

Additional Information:

Applicant should meet NCSU qualifications for working with youth. Saturday work will be included in the weekly schedule to support the local farmer's market and Extension's participation with SNAP benefits as well as Donation Station.

