

Henderson County Extension Intern

Location: Henderson County

Program Area: 4-H Youth Development

Immediate/Site Supervisor: William Terry Kelley

Other Mentors and Supervisors: Hannah Worrell, Betsy Tankersley

Position Description/Responsibilities:

Henderson County has robust 4-H and EFNEP programs. There are many activities happening during the summer months including our Ag Day Camp, Junior Master Gardeners, 4-H mini-gardening and several other programs. Camp, Cook & Play; Teen Cuisine and Kids in the Kitchen are also popular programs during this time. The job of this intern would be to not only assist with these programs, but to help organize, implement and get experience teaching these groups of youth.

This would be a great experience for anyone endeavoring to work in and career with children or in a nutrition related career. Specific jobs would include registering youth for programs, setting up for programs, helping kids learn how to plant and care for garden crops, helping teach knife skills and cooking skills.

Additionally, there would also be the opportunity to help plan our annual Ag Day Camp that is a weeklong program and assist in teaching children about agriculture in the county and what it means to the economy. The intern would get a chance to learn about working with diverse audiences and underserved audiences in this experience as well.

Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

- Any agricultural or home economics course of study would be qualified for this position.

Benefits/skills student will gain through this internship:

- Communication
- Teaching
- Diversity
- Nutrition
- Education
- Early childhood education
- Home gardening
- Organization
- Planning
- Program Development
- Teamwork
- Working with the public
- Learning about Cooperative Extension.

Additional Information

Henderson County has had a good track record with interns that moved into fields of study with the intention of going into Cooperative Extension. We have at times had county-funded interns that followed this route. In fact, our current intern is in the process of applying for an agent's position at this time. We have a very good environment in which to train interns and a staff that does an excellent job of encouraging them for careers in Cooperative Extension.