

Cumberland County Extension Intern

Location: Cumberland County

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

Immediate/Site Supervisor: Allen West

Other Mentors and Supervisors: Jessica Drake, Lisa Childers, Liz Joseph

Position Description/ Responsibilities:

The intern will have the opportunity to collaborate with all program areas in Cooperative Extension, with the two main areas of focus being Horticulture Extension and 4-H and Youth Development.

The intern will gain experience in preparing, planning, and facilitating programs within this focus area. S/he will also gain understanding and implementation practice of overall program evaluation and analysis.

The intern's experience will encompass a variety of projects including youth education programs, agriculture research, working with Extension Master Gardeners, teaching research-based education classes and establishing grower and agribusiness contacts. The intern will use their current course work and experience to assist in planning and implementing a horticulture themed youth summer camp of various ages.

During the internship, s/he will work with other outreach programs within our department such as Soldiers to Agriculture. The intern will participate in and learn how to inform and recruit soldiers into the program in order to attract qualified and motivated workers into the agriculture industry.

Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

- Interest and motivation for teaching agriculture to a wide spectrum of ages, with the primary focus being youth.
- Experience in working with a variety of ages and stages is a plus, but not a firm requirement.
- Must be open and willing to work in a professional setting, adhering to office etiquette and be self-motivated to complete tasks.
- Must have a positive attitude, be dependable, organized, and willing to be a flexible team player.

Benefits/skills student will gain through this internship:

- Unique opportunities to learn agriculture content, as well as effective communication of that content to others.
- Positively impact youth's lives.
- Exposure to a wide range of diverse populations from rural, suburban and military families
- Provide an invaluable opportunity to get an overview of county government, Cooperative Extension, and the overall impact agriculture and youth programs can have within community development.
- The skills learned in this internship will make valuable additions to their resume in a wide range of future careers including traditional teaching fields and Cooperative Extension

Additional Information

Cumberland County has a unique opportunity for interns to learn because of our strong military population stemming from Ft. Liberty. The intern will get to meet and assist clients from all of the country.