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Cleveland County Extension Intern

Location: Cleveland County

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

Immediate/Site Supervisor: Greg Traywick, County Extension Director

Other Mentors and Supervisors: Greg Traywick, Brittany Spangler, Morgan Walker, Abby Whitaker

Position Description/ Responsibilities:

The intern will be introduced to and engaged in programming in three key Extension areas: 4-H Youth Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources, and Family & Consumer Sciences. The intern will work alongside Extension agents and participate in a variety of programs and activities. Planned work activities include:

- Assisting with 4-H clubs, school programs, camps, workshops, and special events.
- Participating in agriculture and horticulture programs, farm visits, demonstrations, and on-farm research projects.
- Assisting with Family & Consumer Sciences programs focused on nutrition, food safety, health, and food access.
- Gaining experience with farmers' markets, Master Gardener projects, and other community-based Extension programs.
- Helping prepare educational materials, promote programs, collect program data, and evaluate activities.
- Working with Extension volunteers, community organizations, schools, farmers, and other local partners.

Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

- Interest in agriculture, youth development, nutrition, horticulture, education, or community service.
- Coursework in agriculture, animal science, horticulture, education, family and consumer sciences, nutrition, communications, or a related field is helpful but not required.
- Strong communication and organizational skills.
- Comfort working with diverse audiences.
- Willingness to participate in both office- and field-based activities.
- Previous experience with 4-H, FFA, agriculture, volunteer programs, or community organizations is a plus.

Benefits/skills student will gain through this internship:

These experiences will provide the intern with hands-on exposure to Extension programming, community engagement, and career opportunities in agriculture, education, and public service.

Additional Information

Previous interns assigned to Cleveland County have gone on to launch successful careers with NC Cooperative Extension. Their internship experiences provided hands-on exposure to Extension programming, helped them develop professional skills and relationships, and gave them a better understanding of Extension as a career. Cleveland County staff are committed to providing interns with meaningful experiences that prepare them for future employment in Extension and related fields.

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