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Orange County Extension Intern

Location: Orange County

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

Immediate/Site Supervisor: Jonathon Smith

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Position Description/Responsibilities:

The internship will encompass a wide variety of assignments to give the intern a comprehensive understanding of the work of Cooperative Extension in Orange County, with greatest focus on our work in the areas of youth development and local food systems (primarily food access and nutrition education).

Projects may include, but are not limited to:

-Updating the comprehensive Orange County Food Resource List.
-Updating and writing new food security partner case studies.
-Leading activities with K-12 students enrolled in our 4-H summer day camps.
-Assisting in the development of a subsidized Community Supported Agriculture project to increase access to local foods in underserved communities.
-Providing support for nutrition education workshops for youth and adults.
-Participating in on-farm visits.
-Assisting with county and district dairy shows.
-Educating the public about SNAP eligibility and how to apply through the More In My Basket program.
-Developing fundraising materials and data sheets to highlight needs of community pantries and local Double Bucks programs.
-Conducting data analyses, mapping (GIS), and strategic planning for local foods and food security work.
-Researching and publishing content articles for the County Extension website.
-Performing general community outreach via Extension social media accounts as well as the County Extension website.

Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

Courses or professional experience in agriculture, nutrition, education, GIS, youth development, food security, and/or marketing are preferred.

Benefits/skills student will gain through this internship:

-Hands-on application of skills
-Develop experience with logic models and program planning.
-Youth instruction experience
-Gain knowledge of local foods and the role Extension plays in developing a healthy, local food system.
-Learn about farmers' markets and other agricultural market channels.
-Improve team-building skills
-Gain experience in research and data analysis of local food drivers and challenges.
-Gain experience in developing food security pilot projects that address identified access gaps in the food system.
-Develop an understanding of the SNAP Outreach functions of Cooperative Extension at the county level.
-Learn new methods of communication and practice your skills to reach a variety of Extension audiences, including writing research-based Extension articles for a variety of Extension audiences.

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