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Bladen County Extension Intern

Location: Bladen County

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

Immediate/Site Supervisor: Becky Spearman

Other Mentors and Supervisors: Matt Strickland, Jessie Jones, Alison Weatherspoon, Madison Jaynes

Position Description/ Responsibilities:

The intern will get a broad learning experience in a variety of Extension programs in all areas:

-Plan and assist with 4-H summer programming, the 4-H youth livestock and poultry programs, and the 4-H Forestry Team

-Write and submit newsletter articles, blogs, social media posts, video production, Canva and educational program planning both in-person and virtually

-Build job skills by learning multiple areas and doing multiple jobs - planning, marketing, carrying out programs, evaluation, etc

-Assist with planning several new programs with agents and have the opportunity to plan a program

-Visit local farmers with agents and help identify production issues and strategize solutions will be a part of their experience

-Assist with research trials.

Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

-Self-starter who wants to get a good feel for all the areas in Extension work

-Ability to work with various age groups

Computer, writing, photography, social media, Canva, video and website skills

-A candidate with a strong science background would be beneficial

-Strong time management skills

Benefits/skills student will gain through this internship:

-Learn all areas of Extension via hands-on knowledge and assist in program planning, development and carrying out the program

-Develop programs that are individualized project successes

-Will be a team player and be in charge of organizing their schedule with agent input to meet their projected outcomes

-Marketing and communication skills

Additional Information

The Bladen office is a fast-paced office environment that promotes teamwork among agents.

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