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Sampson County Extension Intern

Location: Sampson County

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

Immediate/Site Supervisor: Brad Hardison

Other Mentors and Supervisors: Elizabeth Merrill, Sydney Knowles

Position Description/ Responsibilities:

The 4-H Summer Intern will assist Extension staff with the planning, preparation, and delivery of summer 4-H programs, camps, workshops, and club activities. Responsibilities will include preparing educational materials, assisting with program setup and cleanup, supporting 4-H club meetings, supervising youth during activities, maintaining participation records, and assisting with program promotion and community outreach.

The intern will also have opportunities to assist with educational programs and activities across other areas of Cooperative Extension, including Agriculture and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Community and Rural Development. This may include assisting with agricultural demonstrations and field activities, community events, health and nutrition programs, educational workshops, and other Extension outreach efforts. The intern will work closely with Extension staff, volunteers, and community partners and will be expected to interact professionally with youth, parents, and the public while helping provide safe, engaging, and educational Extension programs.

Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

-Intern preferably studying agriculture, education, youth development, communications, or a related field
-Previous experience working with youth through 4-H, FFA, camps, sports, or community programs
-Interest in youth development, agriculture, STEM, or community education
-Strong communication skills and ability to work with diverse age groups
-Dependable, organized, and able to work both independently and as part of a team
-Willingness to assist with outdoor activities and occasional lifting or physical setup
-Basic computer skills, including email, word processing, and social media
-Valid driver's license and reliable transportation preferred

Benefits/skills student will gain through this internship:

-Hands-on experience working with youth in educational and recreational settings
-Leadership and teamwork in a professional Extension environment
-Communication skills through interaction with youth, volunteers, parents, and staff
-Classroom and group management experience
-Time management and organizational skills while balancing multiple activities and deadlines
-Exposure to public service, community outreach, and youth development careers
-Resume-building experience with a respected statewide youth development organization

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