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Watauga County Extension Intern

Location: Watauga County

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

Immediate/Site Supervisor: Kendra Phipps

Other Mentors and Supervisors: Jim Hamilton, Meredith Cannell

Position Description/ Responsibilities:

The intern will work with Extension staff (with some independent work) in a number of capacities:
*Assist livestock agent with field-based research & data collection.
*Assist new 4-H agent with summer 4-H & ag/science related youth programming.
*Assist horticulture agent & county extension director on master gardener activities (including greenhouse and demonstration garden management) & native medicinal plant management as needed.
*Participate in collection/sampling and diagnostic practices for soil & plant fertility, insect, and disease management with landowners & farmers.
*Create marketing materials &/or other media to promote programming with the Watauga County Center.
*Participate in other customer-service oriented activities (managing phone calls, walk-ins, information requests, etc) as needed.

Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

- Major or minor coursework in: general agriculture, horticulture, sustainable development (agroecology), natural resources and/or livestock science
- Flexibility and willingness to work outside and get hands dirty
- Willingness to work with youth

Benefits/skills student will gain through this internship:

- Field-based research design and sampling protocols for a livestock forage project
- Production & management of landscape, vegetable, and native medicinal plants & crops in greenhouse, landscape, farm, and/or forested environments
- Youth facilitation skills
- Diagnostic practices for soil & plant fertility, insect, and disease management
- Marketing skills
- Customer-service skills

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