

Cumberland County Extension Intern

Location: Cumberland County, NC

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

Immediate/Site Supervisor: Jessica Drake

Other Mentors and Supervisors: Lisa Childers and Kenny Bailey

Position Description/ Responsibilities:

Intern will have the opportunity to collaborate with all program areas in Cooperative Extension, with the two main areas of focus being Horticulture and 4-H Youth Development.

- Intern will assist agents in preparing, planning, and facilitating 4-H and Horticultural programs
- Assist in program evaluation and analysis

The student's experience will encompass a variety of projects including:

- Youth education
- Agricultural research
- Working with Extension Master Gardeners programming and volunteers
- Teaching classes and workshops; delivering research-based information
- Establishing and maintaining grower and agribusiness contacts

Interns will use their current and previous course work and experience to assist in planning and implementing a horticulture-themed youth summer camp for various ages.

Additionally, the intern will work with our *Soldiers to Agriculture* program to inform and recruit soldiers and veterans that are qualified and motivated to work in the agriculture industry.

Preferred Qualifications/ Previous Coursework:

- Ideal candidate will have an interest in teaching agriculture to a wide spectrum of ages, primarily youth
- Experience working with children and youth is preferred
- Adherent to office etiquette; organized; dependable
- Willing to work flexible hours
- Positive attitude and a team-player!

Benefits/Skills student will gain through this internship:

- Learn how to effectively communicate research-based information and content
- Positively impact the lives of youth and children
- Exposure to a wide range of diverse populations from rural, suburban, and military families
- Receive an overview of county government, Extension, and the overall impact that Agriculture/Youth Programs have within community development
- Skills learned will make valuable additions to the intern's resume, making them a more competitive candidate for a wide range of Ag and education-related future careers