

Surry County Extension Intern

Location: Surry County, NC

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

Immediate/Site Supervisor: Joanna Radford

Other Mentors and Supervisors: Amanda Gann

Position Description/Responsibilities:

The internship program in Surry County will provide interns with a comprehensive, well-rounded experience in Extension, with an emphasis on horticulture.

Horticulture Education:

- Collaborate with the horticulture agent and the Farmers Market to help revitalize the local markets
- Create and update educational materials and resources for the NC State Extension Master Gardener volunteer program of Surry County
- Assist in planning and conducting horticultural workshops and educational programs for the community
- Participate in the local community garden, providing resources and education for special area needs
- Assist with Junior Beekeeping Academy

4-H and Youth Development:

- Work closely with the 4-H Agent to facilitate youth summer programs.
- Assist with 4-H District Activity Day

Community Outreach and Engagement:

- Create material; manage social media content and newsletters articles for public view
- Engage with community groups, schools, and organizations to promote programs and events
- Create innovative ways to promote the local Extension programs via social media and streaming through local *Surry on the Go* platforms

Preferred Qualifications/ Previous Coursework:

- Preferred coursework in horticulture, agronomy, or animal science
- Possess good communication skills – both written and oral
- Self-motivated and positive attitude!
- Must be flexible, organized, responsible, reliable, and team-oriented
- Available to occasionally work outside of the 9-5 hours and/or weekends
- Eager to learn about NC Extension!

Benefits/Skills student will gain through this internship:

- Will explore career options available within Cooperative Extension
- Enhance knowledge and skills to be more competitive in the job market
- Gain practical, hands-on experience in Extension work
- Gain knowledge in horticulture and 4-H
- Build valuable connections with the Extension community and industry
- Enhance communication skills
- Learn to solve real-world challenges in the field of Extension
- Gain experience working in a fast-paced environment

Additional Information

This intern position will have the opportunity to work in all program areas of Extension. The work environment will vary from in the office to outdoors and in the field. Come prepared to work like an extension professional, enduring a variety of weather conditions! Additionally, housing will not be provided.