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Organic Farm Education Internship on Live Earth Farm

Interested in building your skills as an educator? Have a passion for the outdoors and want to learn about farming and gardening?

Description:
Live Earth Farm, established in 1996, is a 100 acre diversified, organic, family farm overlooking the Pajaro Valley in the Santa Cruz area of California. We offer a year round CSA with 850 members during the regular season. We grow 50 different fruits and vegetables ranging from perennial fruit trees to a wide variety of annual crops. We sell our produce at five area farmer’s markets and through our CSA program.

The Live Earth Farm Discovery Program is an education non-profit based on the farm. We teach about local, organic, and sustainable food systems using the farm itself as the classroom. We reach out to all segments of the community with an emphasis on low-income, diverse and underserved populations.

We are offering 2-4 Farm Educator Internships. Education programs include, but are not limited to: a weekly visit by 7th and 8th grade Montessori students, half day farm tours for students of all ages, once monthly home schooling family visits, and a summer art camp for 6-12 year olds, as well as a diversity of community farm days.

The position will involve leading farm tours, working with ongoing farm education programs and some office work such as scheduling farm tours, working on promotional materials, and data entry. Farm tasks include helping with basic maintenance of our educational garden on the farm, and may include other tasks, such as vegetable and fruit propagation and production, animal care and greenhouse management.

We are ideally looking for someone wanting to make a longer-term commitment. The ideal intern will work with the Live Earth Farm Discovery Program for more than one season, as to familiarize themselves with the farm and farm tours, and with opportunity for more in-depth learning of farm-based and outdoor education, as well as experiencing the seasons on the farm.

Desired Qualifications:
The right person for this internship will have experience working with children, in an outdoor setting a plus. The ideal candidate will either have experience working in a farm or garden setting, or have enthusiasm about learning about gardening and farming. Bilingual in Spanish a plus, but not required. We expect you to arrive with a good work ethic and a positive attitude, as both working with children and farming are challenging--yet rewarding--work.
**Training Provided:**
The Education Programs Coordinator and the Farmer and Gardener Assistant will provide all training needed.

**Duration:**
We can work with you to make this internship fit for your credit needs. Start and end dates can be flexible, and can go throughout the summer.

**Hours:**
Number of hours/week depends on how many credits you are looking for. Ideally, you will be available on Monday and/or Friday mornings from 9-Noon to help lead farm tours beginning in April (though you can begin your internship earlier). We have a once a week Montessori group that comes every Thursday morning that you can help with as well. There are several community events we would like your help with, like the Sheep to Shawl event on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Your hours can be flexible when you work in the garden and on non-farm tours.

**Application Procedure:**
To apply, please send a **resume, cover letter, and three references**. Please make sure to describe your interests and why you would like to be an intern at Live Earth Farm Discovery Program. Submit to: Emily Mastellone-Snyder, LEFeducation@baymoon.com, or call: (831)728-2032.