

FAIRYTALE FARM



GENERAL INFORMATION

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- # of interns/hours worked per intern:
2 interns/6 hrs per interns
- Quarters Needed: Fall, Winter,
Spring, Summer

DESCRIBE THE INTERNSHIP

Fairytale Farm is a small urban “farm” in the Lower Ocean area of Santa Cruz. The two 50 X 50 square foot backyard plots have 13 fruit trees, a greenhouse, 1 bee hive, 9 chickens, and many perennial and annual vegetables. Fairytale Farm has taught classes on urban farming, such as food preservation, cottage food license laws, cooking, gardening, chicken rearing, and seed saving, as well as pop-up cafes, farm to table dinners, and art classes and garden tours. Currently the goal of the farm is to maximize food production and improve greywater systems and introduce more dry-farming and low water farming techniques.

Interns would work closely with the Supervisor one day a week in planning and planting a four-season garden and maximizing the food production from this space. Interns would also help to improve and add to the existing greywater systems and would learn to apply dry-farming and other low water techniques.

Specific tasks would include: Planning vegetable rotations and locations for adding fruit/nut trees, conditioning soil, planting, harvesting, mulching, seed saving, pest control, chicken and bee care. Food preservation techniques such as drying, canning, and fermentation will be included in the program.

PREREQUISITES

- Able to dig/ lift 40 lbs.
- Energy to do a wide variety of gardening tasks, including: pruning on ladders, digging, wheelbarrowing, moving heavy objects, bending, squatting, planting, etc.
- Basic plant and gardening knowledge Able to distinguish weeds from vegetables/flowers helpful.
- Basic kitchen skills
- No allergies to horses, bees, common weeds, chickens, cow manure, etc.