

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
AGRICULTURE INTERNSHIP -- Resident

Hidden Villa is a nonprofit educational organization that uses its organic farm, wilderness, and community to teach and provide opportunities to learn about the environment and social justice. Hidden Villa stretches over 1600 acres of open space in the foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains, about 40 miles south of San Francisco. This diverse farm includes animals, vegetable crops, some fruit trees and pastureland set in the middle of a large wilderness area. We are seeking an energetic, responsible team player to fill our Agriculture Intern position. The internship is for a one year period beginning in March 2009.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The general responsibility of the agriculture intern is to work directly under the supervision of the Agriculture Manager as a member of the four-person farm crew. This is physically demanding farm work that involves all aspects of our farm's production. This internship provides the opportunity to live, work and learn on an organic farm and to participate in classes and other opportunities with other Hidden Villa staff.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE

1. Field work: seeding, transplantation, weeding, harvesting, irrigation, some tractor work, etc.
2. Assisting in the operation of Hidden Villa's Community Supported Agriculture Program
3. Training and overseeing volunteer activities
4. Perform basic ranch maintenance tasks and simple repairs
5. Engage in meetings and activities of the staff of Hidden Villa
6. Participate in communal housing responsibilities with 10 interns & summer camp staff.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates must be at least 18 years of age with the ability to work outside performing manual labor and must have a valid California driver license and a clean DMV record.

QUALIFICATIONS DESIRED

A candidate with basic knowledge of plants and an interest in sustainable agriculture and farm management is desired. Candidates must be self-starters with the ability to work independently with minimum supervision on occasion and must be able to work with a diverse group of children and adults, including volunteers.

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

This position is a full-time, year-long, residential, exempt position. A stipend of \$525/month is provided. Benefits include: housing, seasonal produce, meat & dairy products from the farm when available, holiday time, vacation, sick leave, medical and dental benefits.

HOW TO APPLY

Please mail your cover letter, a copy of your current resume and completed general and supplemental application form by **January 16, 2009** to: Internship Coordinator, c/o Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022 or via e-mail to sthurman@hiddenvilla.org.
website: www.hiddenvilla.org

If you have specific questions about the job please contact Jason McKenney, Agriculture Manager, by e-mail: purgreens@igc.org

Hidden Villa is committed to diversity in our workplace and our programs. We do not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, age, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, creed, ancestry, disability or veteran status.