

Job Announcement
Animal Husbandry Internship- One year residential internship

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. The diverse farm includes livestock, vegetable crops, some fruit trees and pastureland. We are seeking an energetic, responsible individual to fill our Animal Husbandry Internship position. The internship is for one year and begins in September 2009.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The general responsibility of the Husbandry Intern is to work directly under the supervision of the Husbandry Manager as a member of the property team. The intern will learn and participate in all aspects of livestock management- from breeding, nutritional management, health maintenance, and facilities maintenance to slaughter, processing, and direct market sales. The position will also include opportunities to educate the public through programs and curriculum development in aspects of livestock management, sustainability, food, and consumer education

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Work on all aspects of our livestock production: daily feeding, milking, cleaning, etc.
2. Provide coverage for weekend (Sat-Sun) chore responsibilities.
3. Assist in sales and direct marketing of meat, eggs, wool, etc.
4. Perform basic ranch maintenance tasks and general repairs.
5. Support weekend program activity and summer camp programs when needed.
6. Help to develop livestock-focused program curriculum
7. Participate in communal housing responsibilities with 10 interns & summer camp staff.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates must be at least 18 years of age with ability to perform manual labor in varied climactic conditions, and must have a valid California driver's license and clean DMV record.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

A candidate with basic knowledge of/experience with sustainable agriculture and farm production/management is desired. Candidates must be self-starters with the ability to work independently with a minimum of supervision. Experiential teaching experience and the ability to work with a diverse group of children and adults is also desired.

TERMS OF INTERNSHIP

This position is a full-time, year-long, residential internship. You will receive a base stipend of \$625.00 per month and housing. Seasonal produce, meat & dairy products from the farm when available. Hidden Villa is a non-smoking environment.

HOW TO APPLY

Please send your cover letter, a copy of your current resume and completed internship application by **April 17, 2009** by e-mail to: jobs@hiddenvilla.org or by mail to: Animal Internship, c/o Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

Application materials are available on our website at: www.hiddenvilla.org

If you have specific questions about the job please contact Steve Burger, Animal Husbandry Manager, by phone: (650) 949-8603 or e-mail: sburger@hiddenvilla.org

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