



SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROJECT 2013

INTERNSHIP OVERVIEW

The LEAF Project is seeking two college interns for unpaid Internship positions in the summer of 2013. This internship provides an exciting opportunity to engage at the ground level of a new, innovative youth agriculture program launching this summer (2013) in Carlisle, PA. While interning with the LEAF Project, you will be exposed to various sustainable agriculture ventures in our region from diversified vegetable production to small-scale artisanal cheese making to sustainable meat raising, butchering and curing.

At its core, the LEAF Project is about developing youth using an empowerment model. Therefore, you will have the opportunity to engage in a mentoring relationship with staff who have been working in the field of transformative youth development for almost a decade. You will lead workshops for youth on topics such as the food system, nutrition, diversity, leadership and community development, participate with youth in on-farm work projects, cooking classes with local chefs, workshops, hunger relief work, and farmer's markets and develop with youth community events centered around creating a healthy local food system.

If you choose to intern with the LEAF Project you will be a part of an innovative program that engages and inspires youth leaders and community members in building a resilient local food system, while exposing yourself to an innovative approach to solve the pressing food system issues and health related challenges facing the youth of today.

Visit our website and apply online!

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INTERNSHIP TIMELINE

Part Time (15-20 hours): May 20 - June 7 (flexible depending on intern availability)

Full Time (40-45 hours, typically M-F 8:00 - 4:00): June 10 - August 9

Additional commitments:

Saturday, June 15 - Summer Youth Crew Orientation (with families)

Saturday, August 3 - Last Day of Summer Youth Program (Family Feast)

INTERNSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

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- Interest in and familiarity with youth development, community development, and social justice work (previous experience preferred)
 - Interest in agriculture and food systems as well as a capacity and willingness to participate in physical activities in challenging weather situations
 - Strong communication skills and willingness to engage in workshops on identity, equity, etc.
 - If possible (though not required), skills in any of the following: graphic design, photography, audio and/or video production.

INTERNSHIP SPECIFIC TASKS

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- Participate along side program staff and youth in on-farm work projects, cooking classes, workshops, hunger relief work, and farmer's markets.
 - Develop workshop topic and activities in an area of the intern's choosing from a prescribed list of issues (such as dynamics of food and class, food preservation, identity and family food culture, etc)
 - Coordinate with local farmers and chefs in program development
 - participate with program staff in pre-program orientation
 - assist in video project throughout season

Disclaimer

This job description is only a summary of typical functions of this internship and is not an exhaustive or comprehensive list of all possible internship responsibilities and tasks. The internship supervisor is Heidi Witmer, LEAF Project Director. She can be reached at 717.275.2330; heidi@leafprojectpa.org