



Teens on Farms

Developing Youth, Sowing Seeds for the Future

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2009 Internship Description

Interns with Teens on Farms will learn to work as individuals or in groups of two or more for local farms and several ranches. See the attached description of farms participating in 2009. Workers will have the chance to learn various skills through participation in this job including:

- ✓ Pasture care and irrigation
- ✓ Fruit thinning and harvest
- ✓ Animal care (chickens, sheep and goats)
- ✓ Growing vegetables, herbs, and flowers using organic practices
- ✓ Farm safety
- ✓ Personal skills including responsibility, communication, problem solving, leadership and teamwork

Specific Responsibilities:

- Show up on time and ready to work each day. Complete work projects assigned by farmers or Teens on Farms leaders.
- Take responsibility for eating well and keeping hydrated during the work day.
- Work as a team with other Teens on Farms interns, including mentoring and cross-training other interns as needed.
- Donate a portion of your work time towards a community service project.
- Be able to work independently as needed.
- Participate in training sessions, morning meetings and feedback sessions with Teens on Farms leaders

What's an Alternate Position?:

- Alternates begin work when one or more primary hires cannot work due to schedule conflict, or unexpected circumstances. Alternates can be brought into the Teens on Farms program at any time during the summer.

Schedule:

- TBD based on need; Monday June 1 - August 21 (or start of 09-10 school year). Saturday work or workstudy will be available through October depending on interest.
- In general, interns should be available for 11 out of 12 weeks during the summer. Interns may take a week of time off (total for the summer) for vacation.
- Weekly schedules for part-time or full-time work will be defined for each intern. Work is available five days a week, including Saturdays (if you work Saturdays, you will get a weekday off). The 8-hour work day will vary depending on the farms served, but in general will start at approximately 8:00 am and run till 5:00 pm with a lunch break. An earlier schedule may be needed for some farms. $\frac{1}{2}$ days are also possible.

Teens on Farms 2009 Internship Application

Applications for alternate positions will be accepted through June 15 2009. Return applications to: 9264 3200 Rd, Hotchkiss CO 81419 or to teensonfarms@deltacd.net.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

School: _____ Current Grade: _____

Parent or Guardian Name: _____

Parent's E-mail Address (if different): _____

Parent's Phone Number (if different): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Will Teens on Farms be your first job experience? Y ___ N___

If Y, please fill out #1 below. If N, please list both a character reference and a former employer (#1 and #2) below.

Character Reference. This must be someone that is NOT in your family.

#1. Character Reference: _____ **Phone:** _____

Organization or Business: _____

How Long has this Person Known you? Relationship: _____

Job Title or Relationship: _____

Duties: _____

#2. Former Employer Contact Person: _____ **Phone:** _____

Organization or Business: _____

Date Started: _____ **Date Left:** _____

Job Title _____

Duties _____

We want to get to know you! Please think carefully and answer the following questions as honestly and clearly as you can.

1. Why are you interested in working with Teens on Farms this summer?
2. Describe any work experience you have working in a family garden, or on a farm or ranch. What was the hardest part? What was the most rewarding?
3. Do you have experience working in a group or a team situation? Please describe that experience and what you learned from it. What was the hardest part about working on this team? What was the most rewarding?
4. Describe something about yourself that illustrates why you would make a valuable member of the Teens on Farms crew. Your answer might describe experiences in school, work, or extracurricular activities, or your interest/skills in gardening, ranching, irrigation, outdoor skills, teamwork, leadership, etc.

5. Give an example of food you might like for a day that you will be working hard.

Breakfast:

Lunch:

Snacks:

What food makes you tired? _____ What food gives you energy? _____

6. Please let us know about your work availability and transportation (check all that apply):

I can work full-time, five days a week

I can work part-time or full time

I'd like to only work part-time

I can work on Saturdays

I am willing to work as a volunteer for a portion of the work week

My family or I will be able to provide transportation to the farms or ranches (most work locations are within 10 miles of Hotchkiss)

My family or I could provide transportation some of the time, depending on the time or location. List any details here: _____

7. Are you available for work at least 11 out of 12 weeks over the summer (June 1 through August 24)? Y N

List the dates for any vacations, camps, or other commitments that will impact your availability for Teens on Farms:

8. This application is for an alternate position; we may or may not be able to hire you. If you would like to be considered for a primary position next year, please check here:

Note: Alternate positions will go through the application and hiring process, but will not work unless there is an unexpected opening at the beginning of the summer, or during the summer. You are free to seek other summer employment, even if you are hired as an alternate!

Thank you for applying with Teens on Farms!

Applicant Name (Type or sign): _____

Date: _____

Please return this application form as soon as possible, and up until June 15, 2009:

E-mail: teensonfarms@deltacd.net

Snail Mail:
Teens on Farms!
9264 3200 Rd
Hotchkiss CO 81419

Questions?

Call: Cassandra at 361-0245
Email: teensonfarms@deltacd.net

Interviews will be set up after applications are received.



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