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Regenerative Agriculture Educator Internship

The Resource Conservation District (RCD) of Greater San Diego County aims to protect, conserve, and restore natural resources through information, education, and technical assistance. We work across the majority of San Diego County on a variety of programs, including fire prevention and education, watershed education, promotion of pollinator habitat, and management of two large community gardens and Wild Willow Farm & Education Center.

The RCD is seeking a Regenerative Agriculture Educator Intern to assist with various education programs at Wild Willow Farm and Education Center. This intern will mainly assist with the farm's Field Trip and Group Activity Program which aims to educate K – 12 students about regenerative agriculture, healthy soils, sustainable practices for producing food, and what students can do to make a difference. This is conveyed through two- or three-hour hands-on field trip experiences exploring Wild Willow Farm's animals, compost systems, seeds, plants, and additional farm information. There is also a virtual farm field trip option for schools who are not able to make the trip to the farm. The program is targeted at schools within San Diego County; however, we also cater to a variety of youth organizations, summer camps, and adult groups. The intern may also work closely with our community volunteers at Wild Willow Farm and Education Center where we work to educate, cultivate, and empower the community as they explore the sustainable agriculture practices with hands-on experiences maintaining our compost area and field beds.

Interns will participate in all elements of delivering various parts of the Wild Willow Farm Field Trip and Group Activities education program. They will gain classroom management and presentation experience, as well as help shape a program that educates our youth about the importance of environmental stewardship and agricultural sustainability. Interns will have some opportunities for field work on the farm as it pertains to preparation for field trip and group activities. Responsibilities include:

- Lead on-farm educational activities, safely and with kindness, to groups of 8-15 participants. Field trips vary in length from 45 minutes to three hours, but a typical field trip is two hours. Interns will be expected to help set up before and clean up after each field trip.
- Delivering virtual field trip presentations from Wild Willow Farm to participating schools.
- Assisting with program evaluation.
- Reviewing and updating program materials to fully meet grade-level NGSS standards and to align with STEM objectives.
- Assisting with program administration including booking presentations, program publicity, and emailing resources to participating teachers.
- Working with Wild Willow Farm/RCD staff to identify additional resources to support the program.

Eligibility: We are seeking applicants who are studying to become educators or who are undertaking a degree in a field related to agriculture, environmental sustainability / conservation, nutrition, or sociology, though applicants in other degree pathways will not be excluded. Previous experience is not required, and training will be provided.

Requirements: Must possess reliable transportation; knowledge of word processing, PowerPoint, and Excel; punctuality and reliability. Bilingual (English/Spanish) is beneficial but not required. Must be available on Tuesdays.

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Terms: The internship is offered on a part-time basis, unpaid, up to 20 hours per week. A \$600.00 stipend is offered on completion of a 15-week internship.

Start date and duration: January 15, 2022, for 15-16 weeks.

Schedule and location: Working hours are Monday – Thursday and Saturday between 8:30am – 4:30pm. The position will be at Wild Willow Farm and Education Center in San Diego (south San Diego County, one mile from the border).

To apply: Please send your resume and a cover letter explaining your interest in this position and why you think you'd be a good fit to Kim Hanson, Field Trips and Group Activities, at kim.hanson@rcdsandiego.org. Please contact Kim with any questions. Subject Line: "INTERNSHIP: Regenerative Agriculture Educator Internship"

Deadline: The position is open until filled. Final date for consideration is December 4th, 2022.