

Sustainable Agriculture Internship

CEC Background: The CEC envisions a community in which People Learn, People Care, People Act. In pursuit of this vision, our mission is to educate, engage, and inspire people to create a healthy, sustainable community. We do this through nature-based education, local & healthy food initiatives, and energy conservation programs. The CEC was founded in 1994 as a grassroots effort to take action on environmental issues and today reaches over 15,000 people in Benton County and surrounding area through its programs and services. CEC educational programming and community events are held at the Avery House Nature Center, Starker Arts Garden for Education (SAGE), in community schools, and outside at various parks and other locations. The CEC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

Position Description: The Sustainable Agriculture interns play a crucial role in the success of our small farm: SAGE. This is a great opportunity to work as part of a cohort of interns for a hands-on experience. Sustainable Agriculture interns gain experience in small-scale agriculture, local hunger relief, educational gardening, sustainability, permaculture, and connecting people with the food that they eat. As a part of the SAGE team, you will help to grow the ~5 tons of food that we donate each year to aid food insecure individuals and families in the local community. We value the input and ideas of SAGE interns in shaping the garden and enhancing its educational function.

Job Responsibilities: Sustainable Agriculture interns will work under the supervision of the Community Agriculture Manager and will have the opportunity to do the following:

- Use your creativity to help SAGE to be as enriching a place as possible
- Learn spring gardening tasks, including preparing garden beds, adding organic amendments, composting, seeding, weeding, and mulching
- Learn about food insecurity in your community
- Help with landscaping and transplanting
- Gain hands-on experience with sustainable agriculture practices (seasonality, crop rotations, succession planting, organic pest and disease management, building and maintaining healthy soil, etc.)

Qualifications:

- Be punctual and reliable
- An ability to communicate effectively with a diversity of people
- A willingness to work outside in all types of weather
- The ability to take initiative
- A desire to learn about sustainable agriculture
- A positive attitude!

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