

# **Ecology Action**

#### Willits, California



# **Private Host Information**

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# **About the Placement:**

## **Detailed Placement Description**

This placement is owned and operated by a: Non-profit organization/Production Acreage (if applicable): #1 /Number of Full-time Employees: 7 / My farm/organization is: Pesticide Free, Practices GROW BIOINTENSIVE Sustainable Mini-Farming.

I have participated in Ecology Action's 8-month (February through October) and 12-month (February through January) Internship Programs. Ecology Action's Three-Year Apprentice



Program. / Educational Activities: 8-month Summer Course; One (1) 3-Day Workshops for 8-month Interns and two (2) 3-Day Workshops for 12-month Interns. 3 visits to local farms./
Social Environment:

Trainees are provided lodging at the Ecology Action site land along with staff and interns. Everyone takes responsibility to keep his or her own area maintained and clean. One (1) 6-hour tour and a two-hour special tour bring in people from other parts of California, the U.S. and sometimes the world.

In 2019, the 8-Month Internship is from April l through November 30.

### **Primary Production:**

Vegetables, Herbs, Flowers, Tree fruits, Grain

# **About the Internship:**

#### **Training Hours:**

40 hours / week

#### **Training Expectations:**

We offer Year-round training, Seasonal training, ideally between April and October. Our farm/organization strongly prefers the steward who has some significant farming experience

#### On-Site Training, Steward's primary activities:

See detailed Ecology Action Research Mini-Farm/Garden Site Training Plan on file with MESA.



#### **Climate and Location Description**

Average temperature/Typical weather: 18 to 116 (averages 25 to 90) degrees Fahrenheit. Winter: Cold and rainy. Spring: Cold to cool and rain. Summer: Cool nights and damp to dry, cool to warm to hot days. Autumn: Warm to cool with some rain.

Proximity to nearest town/city: 8 miles to Willits (20 minutes by car)

Geographic Location:

We are in northern California. The site is about 3 hours north of San Francisco located near Willits, California about an hour inland from the Pacific Coast. Winters are cold to cool and damp/rainy/with a little snow, Summers are dry and cool to warm to hot, Springs are cold to cool to warm and damp, and Autumns are cool to warm. There is less work and more time for study in the winter. Summer is in great part field work with some significant study and planning, but trainees have a day and a half off each week during the summer and two of the weekends are for 3 days, so other places may be more easily visited. A week is also given off in August.

## Compensation:

\$200 / month, see description below., Free, daily food, International Airfare, Medical Insurance, Publications, supplies

#### Accommodations and amenities provided:

Accommodations:Trailer / Cabin is shared with Other interns/stewards, Farm staff. Bedroom is shared. Bathroom is shared.

Lodging is Simple, with basic amenities (heat, indoor bathroom).

Housing is onsite.

Amenities:

Electric or gas heat, Only a wood stove for heat, VCR/DVD, Computer & Internet for steward use, Free, daily internet on-site, Telephone (Free local calls only; must buy own calling card for non-local calls), Food provided by host to cook your own meals(shared with other interns), Free, seasonal farm products. (Example: Some vegetables, grains, beans, herbs)



Preferred start date :
04/01/2019
Preferred length of internship:
8 months
User ID:
johnjeavons5367
Mesa Notes - Internal:
Status:
Accepted
Admin Only - No Notification:
Your Job Title:
Do you have separate mailing address? :
No
City:
State:
Zip Code:
Host Fees. \$175 Steward assignment confirmation, plus \$225/month/Steward.:

We can pay the basic fee to support MESA's program and services.



#### **Other Placement Activities:**

Composting, Bio-intensive, Community education

#### How many Stewards would you like to host:

Up to 8. Nationality and gender not restricted.

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Are you willing to host a Steward whose English proficiency is below 30%?:
No
Please list your two nearest airports, and approx. driving distance to/from the training site.:
SFO, OAK
We have previously hosted a MESA Steward(s):
Yes
We have hosted or currently host J-1 interns/trainees in another program:
Reference 1:
N/A
Reference 2:
N/A
Placement Photo:





**Other Photos:**