



Devil's Gulch Ranch & DG Educational Services

Nicasio, California

	MESA Notes - Public	
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About the Placement:

Detailed Placement Description

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management, coexisting with nature and improving environmental impact. Devil's Gulch Ranch is somewhat isolated, but near a small friendly town with a catholic church that has welcomed several interns in the past. We are 1/2 hour by car from several small cities (Pt Reyes, Petaluma, Fairfax, San Rafael, San Anselmo (and 1.5 hours to San Francisco and Oakland/Berkeley. All these locations have many cultural activities and some public transportation. A car will be available for use if you have a driver's license. Opportunities to visit other farms in the area can be arranged

Primary Production :

Pork/Swine, Poultry, Sheep, Vineyards/Winery, Rabbits, Pigeons, Livestock Guardian Dogs

About the Internship:**Training Hours:**

Work days and hours are flexible and based on farm and personal needs. Generally people work 4-6 days per week up to 40 hours per week.

Training Expectations :

Stewards will assist with a variety of ranch chores. Schedule is flexible with advanced notice. Training and supervision will be done by owners and some employees. Most activities will involve animal management, Farmer's market sales, distribution and some general maintenance. We may also restart our summer youth camp next summer. Working with livestock can be wonderful, but it can also be tedious, repetitive and heartbreaking. Learning to cope with the highs and lows is part of the process. Our hope is that the learning experiences with the animals can be used as marketing materials to promote sales to a wider audience and an opportunity to help new young farmers reach a wider market through our sales stream.

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

Activities will include assisting with Rabbitry, quail, and chicken management, with many opportunities to work with other species of farm animals (barn cats, Guardian dogs, Pigs and sheep). The core activity will be using animal activities as marketing materials to expand our social media presence and to answer questions during direct marketing at farmers markets and sales calls. Activities will also include taking orders, order fulfillment, shipping, record keeping and or farm management requirement

Climate and Location Description

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Compensation :

800 sq foot Apartment with room, kitchen and bathroom. Twin bed, There is also a communal garden, eggs and meats, so you can cook your own meals plus a food stipend, Possible summer camp on the ranch centered on nature and agricultural skills. We hope to restart the program that was put on hold due to the pandemic., A car is available for use if you have a license

Accommodations and amenities provided :

A private apartment is available in our barn, which may be shared by a roommate or other intern. Food and meal responsibilities can be shared or you can cook in your own apartment. a communal garden is available. Free Internet is available and access to computer time. A shared vehicle is available for use. There is a lake for swimming and many hiking trails. There are several other residences on the ranch and lots of animals to cuddle.



Preferred start date :

April

Preferred length of internship :

12 months

User ID:

myriamkp

Mesa Notes - Internal:

Want to invite Dolly. Awaiting new TP.

Status:

Accepted

Admin Only - No Notification:

No Notifications

Your Job Title:

Owner/Manager

Do you have separate mailing address? :

Yes

City:

Nicasio

State :

California



Zip Code:

94946

Host Fees. \$175 Steward assignment confirmation, plus \$225/month/Steward.:

Got it, we're good to go!, no reduction needed

Other Placement Activities:

Composting, Farm business planning/ record keeping, Marketing: Direct (e.g. CSA, farmers market), Marketing: Retail (farmstore, other sales), Youth education

How many Stewards would you like to host:

1

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Are you willing to host a Steward whose English proficiency is below 30%?:

If they speak French or Spanish than it is okay if their english is less than 30 %

Please list your two nearest airports, and approx. driving distance to/from the training site.:

San Francisco International airport and Oakland airport are both about 1.5 hours away. Training site is on the same property as the residence

We have previously hosted a MESA Steward(s):

Yes

We have hosted or currently host J-1 interns/trainees in another program:

Yes

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Placement Photo:



Other Photos:

