



# Devil's Gulch Ranch & DG Educational Services

Nicasio, California

	<b>MESA Notes - Public</b>	
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## About the Placement:

### Detailed Placement Description

DGR is a diversified family farm that focuses on meat production for high end restaurants and retail sales. We believe in using the whole animal, integrating species to enhance 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

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**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, squab, 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**

DGR is located within the Golden Gate Recreation area near Pt Reyes Sta. California. Nicasio is a very small town that has a small catholic church, a tiny store and a restaurant. We are 1/2 hour drive from other larger towns and 1 hour from San Francisco in a very rural setting. The climate is moderate. It does rain in Winter and Spring. Rarely gets too hot. DGR is a quiet and peaceful place. There is no public transportation, but people frequently go to town and you can get a ride from someone if you do not drive. It is a farm, gets muddy and dusty and messy, but we love the farm life.

### **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

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