



Slide Ranch

California, United States



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About the Placement:



Detailed Placement Description

Slide Ranch is a unique farm, located within national parkland (the Golden Gate National Recreation Area). Slide Ranch is a non-profit organization whose mission is to plant children in nature. Though we do raise animals and have an organic garden, Slide Ranch is not a production farm. The food we produce enhances our educational programs and feeds our residential community. Slide Ranch also includes trails through native landscape and to the tidepools and beach.

Primary Production :

Vegetables, Herbs, Sheep, Poultry, Dairy

About the Internship:

Availability:

Full for the Season

Training Hours:

42.5 hours/week

Training Expectations :

Stewards work 8.5 hours per day, including a daily farm chore, leading a youth program (typically 4 hours) and a training session that focuses on either animal husbandry, organic gardening or program coordination/planning. The Steward is supervised by the Program Manager, who does formal teaching observations and offers feedback. Additional mentors include the Garden, Animal Care and Facilities Managers.

On-Site Training, Steward's primary activities :

The central focus of the internship is planning and leading experiential learning programs



with children, youth and families, with a work week that typically includes five teaching days. In the spring and fall, TIRs lead day and overnight programs with school and community groups, including volunteer groups, as well as day programs and camp-outs for families. During the summer, three additional summer teachers join our seven annual teachers and lead week-long day camps with children, 5-13 years old.

Another significant component of the TIR program is supporting Ranch staff in the activities of a working farm. TIRs help tend the organic garden, sheep, goats and poultry and maintain Ranch facilities. TIRs live in individual small residential buildings built by former teachers and ranch staff and share cooking duties along with other residential chores.

The annual internship begins with a three-week orientation and training beginning in late January. The summer internship begins with a two-week orientation beginning in late May. TIRs spend the remainder of their residency experiencing hands-on learning through teaching, organic gardening, animal care, land stewardship, and sustainable living, supported by ongoing professional development and mentoring.

Climate and Location Description

The weather is typically cool, and we experience wind and fog in this coastal location. There is no direct public transportation to Slide Ranch, though San Francisco is not far (approximately 40 minutes).

Compensation :

\$6.64, individual small cabin plus shared bath house (with laundry) and communal kitchen,
Free, daily food

Accommodations and amenities provided :

We provide a tiny home for each staff member, plus shared bathhouse (with laundry facilities) and communal kitchen. There is a teacher office with an extensive resource library and computer and internet access.



Preferred start date :

January 22

Preferred length of internship :

January 22 through early December, with a 3 week break beginning in mid August

