Intern Position: Blissfest Music Organization

**Mission:** The Blissfest Music Organization’s mission is to preserve traditions and promote innovators of American and world music, arts and sustainable living through performance, education and community participation.

Blissfest Location
Festival Facility: 3695 Division Rd. Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Office: 625 Connable Ave. Petoskey, MI 49770

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The Blissfest Music Organization is a year round cultural arts organization that provides a variety of quality of life experiences for visitors and local residents in northern Michigan. The Blissfest started as a small festival in 1981 and today attracts over 5,000 people daily for a weekend of arts emersion, camping and community. The festival is the main program service and fundraiser for the organization. Blissfest also sponsors year round programming in the local community and is currently developing its new Blissfest Arts Recreation Center at its 120 acre festival farm facility. The Blissfest Arts Recreation Center will be a model of sustainable tourism integrating cultural programming with ecology, agriculture, renewable energy and low impact recreational experiences.

The intern position is geared to helping the student develop a variety of skills involved in the planning, production and management of a large outdoor cultural event and developing and managing a sustainable tourism facility. The position provides experience in a non-profit organization, business operations and facilities management. In addition, the Blissfest is developing a sustainable agriculture component at the facility which can be a focus for interns who are specializing in this area.

**Job Description:** The position can be tailored somewhat to the needs and interests of the student. For example some students may want to do more administrative office work while others want more hands on facilities projects work. Most like to do a combination of office and site work.

Examples of Office Administration and Production work: ticket sales, distribution of marketing materials, mailings, advertising follow up, ticket out let management, filing, membership management, artist liaison, participation in committee meetings, volunteer management etc.

Examples of Facility Management Task: Supervising volunteers, supply inventory and ordering, equipment inventory and repair projects, agricultural crop management and farm market sales, site layout and setup, building project support, construction management support, festival site planning and site committee work etc.

**Time frame:** 15 weeks program starting in May through August. 2 positions available. 30 week available depending on student goals. Time frame May through Nov.

**Housing and Camping Available:** Housing $150/mo. Camping Free. Includes shower and kitchen facilities

**Stipend-** $1,000 for 15 weeks