Elvyn Lea Lodge Landscaping and Gardening Internship 2015

Elvyn Lea Lodge has hosted guests for 60 years on its 44 acres of scenic hardwoods, green spaces, and landscaped grounds. The new owners are in the process of renovating both interior and exterior aspects of the lodge. This internship presents a unique opportunity for students interested in applying horticultural skills in agritourism settings.

A long term goal is to establish attractive perennial gardens, functional vegetable gardens, orchards, and other landscaped features to enhance the presentation of the lodge, provide food for meals, and make best use of the agricultural and forest cultivation in keeping with green, non-GMO, and low chemical practices.

The lodge serves farm to table meals for guests and for special events. Some food items will also be prepared for on-site sales and consumption.

Elvyn Lea Lodge offers internships to motivated individuals who are interested in

1. Landscape Design – New planters, irrigation, lighting, pathways, etc.
2. Vegetable garden design, build, maintenance, and harvest
3. Fruit orchard design, build, maintenance (Espalier apple trees, etc.)
4. Forest horticulture and management, mycology, herbs

Interns will work in all aspects of design, implementation, soil preparation, maintenance, budgeting, harvesting, and long term viability planning of landscaped floral gardens, vegetable/herb gardens, and orchards. Hoop houses for winter gardening are also anticipated. Interns will achieve hands-on experience in a mostly self-directed work mode.

Elvyn Lea Lodge is seeking one to two interns with experience in design, soil chemistry, and best growing practices. We are seeking interns to work M-F, with flexible start and end dates from May through August.

Lodging is provided in our classic pine log lodging facility. There are over 3 miles of trails through the hardwoods for hiking, running, and other activities. Walloon Lake access for swimming, boating, and recreation is nearby. Kayaking, canoeing, hiking, and cycling are popular activities in the area. Boyne City hosts one of the finest farmers markets in northern Michigan – an excellent place to network with area farmers. Elvyn Lea Lodge is conveniently located close to the junction of US 131 and M 75 and the towns of Boyne City and Petoskey are approximately a 15 minute drive.

Interns would receive a stipend of $250.00/week in addition to lodging and some meals. Interns are expected to have their own transportation.

Applicants please send resume and a short letter or e-mail describing your interest in this position and what special skills and experience you offer.

Join us in bringing a new gardens to Elvyn Lea Lodge.

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