Summer Intern Description

La Casa Verde Produce is recruiting for two summer interns. Our internship would be described as a Sustainable Agriculture Internship, involving entomology, botany, agronomy and marketing. The intern would spend 1/3 time on sustainable pest control, 1/3 time on produce production, 1/3 time loading, packing, vending and sanitizing afterwards for Leelanau County Farmers markets. Our operation is MAEAP verified. Our goal is working toward organic certification. There’s going to be some great science going on this summer!

Interns will receive housing with family style meals and kitchen access at the family’s home, sharing a two room furnished living area on the ground floor. Interns will receive a stipend of $100 weekly.

Our internship season is: mid to late May/early June to mid August, coordinated with your school schedule. We are full-on during August, so welcome people who could stay longer through the growing season. We welcome good interns back for future seasons with more responsibilities; no year round employment yet, but potential for someone to start early then stay through the end of our growing season and more as we grow the operation to include wholesale production.

We are looking for two interns who can work as a team, provide inspiration and apply intellect to the grit of agronomy. Apply in teams! Successful candidates will write us with one to three pages describing their interest in sustainable agriculture, the local foods movement, and your special field of interest, be it entomology, botany or agronomy. Please briefly introduce yourself, with highlights of agriculture, summer camp or group wilderness trek experiences that describe your experiences of teamwork; closing with how you would apply your special field of interest with passion to getting quality produce to market for the growing Farm-to-Table market niche. Successful candidates will provide two references, who through letter or email can vouch for the interns work ethic and knowledge.

We’ll interview you through Skype or Google Chat during March. The due date for these application essays is March 27, 2014, though early birds will get the worm.

La Casa Verde Produce is a small, new family operation growing market produce and pork for the Leelanau County Farmers Markets. Son Noel Weeks and mother and father Margaret & Dave Weeks grow on ½ acre of the 10 acre property, using sustainable methodology – which means a lot of hand work, like any produce operation! Our operation is MAEAP verified. You can view our Facebook page under La Casa Verde Produce.

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