



High Country Conservation Center- Sustainable Food Internship

Job Title: Sustainable Food Intern

Job Type: Part-time seasonal internship in high altitude, organic gardens

Hours: 8-12 hrs/wk, minimum 125 hour commitment

Start Date: Flexible, ideally late May- early June

End Date: Flexible, at least through August 31; hours must be completed by October 25.

Location: Dillon/Frisco, Summit County, Colorado, elevation 9,000'

Program Summary

The [High Country Conservation Center](#) (HC3) is a non-profit that promotes practical solutions for waste reduction and resource conservation in our mountain community. Our sustainable food programs consist of: the Summit CSA (community supported agriculture), which leads local food production and education; Grow to Share (GTS), a food donation program that minimizes food waste and provides fresh produce and nutrition education to qualifying families; and community gardens, which provide space and resources for people to grow their own food at high altitude. We're looking for enthusiastic and motivated interns who want to gain hands-on experience as organic farmers and sustainable food entrepreneurs through programs that build and nourish our community.

Training and Responsibilities

Interns will report to and work directly with our farmer to complete the day-to-day operations of the CSA and GTS programs. This includes training to develop skills in bed preparation, season extension, planting, thinning, fertilizing, harvesting, and share preparation and distribution. Interns must also participate in two greenhouse opening and/or closing shifts per week.

Qualifications

- Strong interest in environmental stewardship, sustainable agriculture, local food production, and/or community food systems.
- Previous gardening, greenhouse, or culinary experience is desired but not required.
- Enrolled in an accredited education program.
- Ability to engage in conversation, ask questions and follow instructions.
- Capacity to work outside in challenging, windy, and adverse weather conditions.
- Willingness to work early mornings and develop an efficient work pace.
- Must be reliable and punctual.
- Valid license preferred; dependable transportation to get to work on time is a must.

Wage, Salary & Benefits

This is a part-time, seasonal internship that includes a minimum of 125 hours of hands-on farm work and training from June through October (average is about 8-12 hours per week). Start and end dates are flexible and will be set prior to starting work. We allow flexibility for work and class schedules. Upon successful completion of hours, interns will receive a contracted stipend for their academic program. Partial food stipend is also included throughout the season. We require an intern memorandum of understanding (contract) upon hire. The intern is not an employee of HC3.

Application Requirements

Send a cover letter highlighting sustainable food interests, letter of recommendation, résumé with three references, and anticipated start and end dates to Kyla Laplante at kyla.laplante@gmail.com.

Application Deadline: May 1

