Berggren Demonstration Farm Fall Term Internship

**Internship Title:** Demonstration Farm Intern

**Location:** Camp Creek Road, Springfield OR 97478

**Hours/Credits:** 120 hours per term, or approximately 12 hours/week for ten weeks. Up to 4 credits available but not required for internship.

**Start date & weekly schedule:** Start date is the week of September 28th (first week of fall term). Weekly schedule is 8:30 AM-2:30 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Stipend:** $400 educational stipend

**Positions available:** Two 120 hour positions

**Berggren Demonstration Farm:**

The Berggren Demonstration Farm is a 30-acre farm located in the Berggren Watershed Conservation Area (BWCA) on the lower McKenzie River. The BWCA is a unique partnership between the McKenzie River Trust, EWEB, and Cascade Pacific RC&D. The Demonstration Farm promotes the connections between healthy farms and clean water by employing ecologically appropriate farming techniques, educating young and beginning farmers, and partnering with our community to support a strong local food system.

We raise poultry and small livestock, and grow annual vegetables and hay. We also coordinate multiple education programs, tours and workshops. Information about the Demonstration Farm is available at: www.berggren-farm.org or at our Facebook page.

**Internship Description:**

This is an unpaid internship, with a stipend provided to cover expenses incurred during the course of the internship (e.g. gas, supplies).

As a Demonstration Farm Intern, you will be directly assisting the Farm Manager in all aspects of the farm’s livestock and vegetable production. This will include, but is not limited to:

- Helping with animal chores: feeding, watering, moving portable fences, cleaning stalls
- Greenhouse production: seeding flats, watering, transplanting vegetable starts
- Kitchen garden maintenance: weeding, watering, harvesting produce, planting
- Harvest and marketing support: harvesting produce, staffing a farmer’s market booth
- Construction of farm infrastructure and irrigation: building housing structures for livestock, moving irrigation lines
• Assist with poultry and rabbit butchering and processing

We are committed to supporting individual learning goals that interns bring with them, including the optional pursuit of an independent study project related to the farm. Interns may have the opportunity to participate in workshops and tours held at other farms in the area as well, to gain a basic understanding of diverse agricultural practices. Individuals who have an interest in sustainable agriculture, a strong work ethic and a good attitude, and the ability to work well as part of a team will be a good fit for this position. Reliability is essential.

Requirements:

Core requirements of the internship are:

• Being on time and prepared for hard work every day
• Commit to completing the hours and schedule of the internship
• Ability to lift 50 lbs. and perform physical labor in an outdoor setting
• Bring a positive attitude and willingness to follow directions diligently
• Attend farm meetings and discussion groups

Desired Qualifications

1. Familiarity with or interest in agricultural operations and livestock
2. Ability to perform physical labor outdoors
3. Enjoyment of working and collaborating with others

How to Apply

Please send a resume and cover letter describing why you are interested in the internship to demofarm@cascadepacific.org. This position application period opens on Monday, May 11th and is open until filled.