

Farmyard Intern

2019 Paid Summer Internship; 32 hours/week; Application deadline: March 1, 2019

The Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota is the catalyst for building a stronger, more vibrant community around play so that all children in our region share a bright future of opportunity and well-being.

Reporting directly to the Farm Manager, the Farmyard Intern will assist with managing all aspects of the Farmyard.

Internship Responsibilities:

- Assisting with on-site livestock care: housing, feeding, watering, cooling systems, equipment care, waste management, and veterinarian visits. Participation in required livestock training.
- Recruiting livestock owners to participate in the Farm Animal exhibit and coordinating schedules with them.
- Supporting policies around animal care, maintaining accurate animal care logs and records. Working in a manner and maintaining an environment that ensures that safety is adhered to.
- Developing and facilitating a variety of livestock programming; assisting with special events/programs when needed.
- Providing upkeep on farm structures, tools, and equipment.
- Educating visitors on proper interactions with farm animals.
- Interacting with various entities, such as USDA, MN Board of Animal Health, state and local commodity groups.
- Assisting with planting, weeding, watering, and harvesting of Museum garden beds and crop plots, including working with area farmers, seed companies, commodity groups, and local FFA and high school Ag groups.
- Assisting with AgLab exhibit care and maintenance.
- Representing the Museum with the highest level of professionalism.
- Performing physical/mental demands in the work environment required for this position.
- Effective and respectful communication with visitors, co-workers, supervisors, and other individuals.
- Other duties, as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Agricultural background and experience working with livestock.
- Responsibility, self-motivation, strong work ethic, flexibility, and ability to keep organized records.
- Ability to thoughtfully create engaging and interesting farm animal-based programming for young children.
- Experience working with children and families is preferred.

Work Conditions:

- Subject to hazards. Includes a variety of physical conditions, such as proximity to moving mechanical parts, moving vehicles, working with live animals, and varied weather conditions.
- Exerting up to 50 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 30 pounds of force frequently, and/or up to 10 pounds of force constantly to lift, carry, push, pull, or otherwise move objects.
- Job requires ability to stand and walk for extended periods of time in public indoor and outdoor galleries.
- Job requires stooping, kneeling, crouching, and bending.
- Availability and flexibility are required during the week, including evenings, weekends, and holidays.
- Job requires a high degree of interaction and engagement with others, including children and families.

Application:

This summer internship would preferably be from mid-May through Labor Day, with a pay rate of \$11 - \$13 per hour, based on experience. Some evening and weekend hours are expected. Please submit application and cover letter to deb.johnson@cmsouthernmn.org.