

Park Ridge Organics Intern Position

Things to know about working at Park Ridge Organics:

- Many farm tasks are time sensitive and require a high degree of efficiency. Awareness of time spent on tasks and working at a fast pace while maintaining a standard of quality are an important part of the job.
- Weather is everything in farming and working in the weather is no joke. Unless there is lightening or an ice storm, we are likely working in the fields. Proper rain gear and clothing are a must, also a positive attitude is needed even during those not-so-nice weather days.
- Quality is what our business has been built on. Our customers have a certain expectation and it is up to everyone working at the farm to help maintain that quality and hence maintain our customer base.
- We are Certified Organic which requires a certain degree of understanding of the National Organic Program standards. Workers will be responsible for record keeping related to our certification and must understand its importance.

FARM INTERNSHIP

At Park Ridge Organics, we offer a seasonal internship position. A strong desire to gain hands-on experience in all aspects of organic vegetable production is required. This position is meant for the person who may be interested in starting their own farming operation and just want to “get their feet wet”. Or for the person with a personal garden who is looking to learn more about organic growing or how to improve their operation. It is a LEARNING position. Some of the work time will be dedicated to education while most (a realistic part of farming) will be spent on farm labor (and learning while we work!). Interns will be required to help with all aspects of farming such as but not limited to:

- cultivation
- planting
- field preparation
- greenhouse management
- hoophouse management
- irrigation maintenance
- post-harvest handling (washing and cleaning produce after harvest)
- packaging of produce for Vegetable Share Program, Farmers Market and/or Wholesale distribution

Opportunities to learn in depth information about the following are bound to happen:

- USDA Organic Certification
- Effective marketing and customer service skills
- Environmental awareness in small scale farming
- Food Safety on the farm
- Community Supported Agriculture farming model

Position runs from May through October. A minimum of three days per week (no weekends) of work is required in order to obtain maximum exposure to the farms operations. Hours of work are 7am to 3:30pm. No housing is offered but we can assist intern with finding suitable housing in the area.

A small stipend will be given in the amount of \$75 per week and is based on the intern working a minimum of 3 days per week (at least 25 hours). The stipend will be paid on a bi-monthly basis following the farms employee payroll terms (5th and 20th of the month). There is not an hourly wage provided. Call Robyn for more information or to apply 920-979-9658.

A \$200 credit toward a Vegetable Share is also given to intern positions. This can be used toward any size share for the season.

To apply visit our website and click on the Park Ridge Organics Worker Application link for our online application.