SUMMER JOB/INTERN OPPORTUNITY

Company

Andy’s Orchard is a small orchard enterprise focused on growing and marketing specialty stone fruit. The company enjoys a nationwide reputation for growing high quality, tree-ripened cherries, apricots, peaches, nectarines, and plums, including rare and unusual varieties on a 60-acre orchard located in Morgan Hill, southern Santa Clara County. Markets include specialty stores, restaurants and hotels in the San Francisco Bay Area, southern California, New York City and Las Vegas. We also attend the Santa Monica Farmers Market weekly during the harvest season, operate an on-farm produce store, have on-line sales, and conduct tours and other harvest events during the summer.

Opportunity

For a Fruit Science or other agricultural science or management major, our summer job position offers a unique opportunity to learn the basics and intricacies of growing and marketing specialty fruit in an innovative setting operated by noted fruit variety expert Andy Mariani. Activates range from hands-on daily tasks to participating in important management decisions. This is a paid position but can also be viewed as a summer internship for a qualified student. Free on-the-farm housing is also available for the summer.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Working with the owner/operator, the intern’s chief responsibilities include assisting the owner in growing/harvesting/packing operation and making a weekly trips to the Santa Monica Farmers Market. The student will have the responsibility to organize and manage fruit deliveries to southern California and other markets when required and assist in all aspects of the farm operation, including but not limited to growing and harvesting tree fruit.
Further Opportunities

In the past, interns have been able to make arrangements with their college advisors or instructors to receive college credit for their summer work experience, and/or conduct selected field research in fruit science or serve as preview to selecting a senior project.

Basic Requirements:
The internship is open to Fruit Science or other agricultural majors, preferably with suitable grades in specific classes related to fruit or crop science. A valid CA driver’s license is required. Math, computer and verbal skills are highly desirable. It is important that the candidate be thorough, responsible and reliable in his/her work habits.

Note: The candidate should submit a college transcript and resume. You may also include a statement of why you are applying, any past work experience, references and faculty recommendations. An interview will also be scheduled.

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