Co-op Opportunities at Country Heritage Park

What to expect from a co-op placement with us



About Us

As an Educational Hub grounded in agriculture, we offer many opportunities to learn. Our co-op program is designed to provide students with meaningful hands-on experiences that promote growth, skill development, and career exploration. Through our diverse on-site facilities and expert mentorship, students will gain valuable knowledge and practical experience that they can carry forward in their education and careers.

Our goal is to create an engaging, dynamic learning environment where students not only develop essential skills but also discover new interests and potential career paths. Whether they are passionate about agriculture, animal care, education, event planning, or office management, our program offers a variety of opportunities for them to explore and grow.

Our Program Structure

Who Might be Interested in a Co-op Program at CHP?

Students seeking a broad range of practical skills for adulthood

Those who may struggle in traditional school settings & are looking to develop diverse, transferable skills in different fields.

Students who are interested in agriculture and outdoor work

Those looking to gain hands-on experience in farming, horticulture, animal care, & sustainable food production.

Rather than limiting students to a single role, our program rotates participants through various learning areas, allowing them to gain exposure to multiple disciplines and work alongside experienced mentors in different fields.





Animal Care

Students will assist in caring for farm animals under the supervision of our animal caretaker. Responsibilities include:

Feeding, watering, and cleaning animal pens.

Learning basic animal husbandry and health monitoring.

Interacting with and understanding the needs of different farm animals.

Maintenance

Students will work with our on-site maintenance staff to learn essential skills in facility upkeep and equipment repair. Key learning experiences include:

Vehicle Maintenance – Basic upkeep of park vehicles, including seasonal preparations, tire changes, oil changes, and general repairs.

Tool & Equipment Maintenance – Hands-on experience with landscaping tools, line trimmers, blowers, and other essential park maintenance equipment.

Building Repairs – Learning how to perform minor building repairs, such as installing whiteboards, fixing drains, and addressing general maintenance needs.







Education

Students will support our educators in delivering interactive programs to visiting elementary school students.

Responsibilities include:

Program Preparation – Organizing materials and assembling kits for student activities.

Assisting with Lessons – Shadowing educators, learning how to teach topics such as early settler life, sustainability, and ecosystems.

Facilitating Activities – Helping with hands-on experiences, including blacksmithing, outdoor games, and wagon rides.

Landscaping & Horticulture

Students will work alongside our horticulturist to maintain gardens and outdoor spaces. Learning opportunities include:

Planting – Seeding and transplanting crops and flowers for display gardens and food production.

Garden Maintenance – Weeding, pruning, edging, and watering, along with identifying plant health issues.

Harvesting – Collecting crops and saving seeds for future plantings.







Aquaponics

In our indoor growing systems, students will learn innovative techniques for sustainable food production. Key areas include:

Hydroponic & Aquaponic Crop Care – Planting and maintaining crops in indoor systems.

System Maintenance – Cleaning and monitoring water levels and system health.

Fish Care – Assisting with feeding and basic fish health monitoring.

Harvesting – Collecting produce and maintaining system organization.

Events Management

Students will gain experience in event planning and execution by assisting our events team.

Responsibilities include:

Event Set-Up – Arranging tables, chairs, and equipment according to event layouts.

Guest Assistance – Answering basic inquiries and helping ensure smooth event operations.







Office Administration

Students interested in business operations will gain hands-on experience in office tasks. Key responsibilities include:

File Organization &
Disposal – Sorting and
managing office records.

Social Media Support – Creating Canva graphics for marketing and promotional use.

General Tasks & Labour

Students will assist various departments with essential dayto-day operations, including:

Waste Management – Collecting garbage, cardboard, and compost for proper disposal.

Cleaning & Organization – Sweeping, mopping, and maintaining clean workspaces.

Inventory Management – Assisting in tracking supplies for education programs, office needs, and animal care.







If you're ready to *dig in, learn,*& grow with us, we'd love
to hear from you!

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