

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES INTERNSHIP PROGRAM Midterm Report

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of Units: 2

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AGENCY: Life Lab

DATE: 2/8/2024

Midterm Report

***WRITE AT LEAST ONE PARAGRAPH FOR EACH QUESTION:

1) DESCRIBE YOUR INTERNSHIP IN DETAIL (including your responsibilities to date):

This internship revolves around garden-based learning. We are taught a curriculum related to the plants in our Watsonville farm. Our job is to then teach this curriculum to a range of students in the area, grades 2nd through 4th. This hands-on experience allows students to learn about the importance of roots, stems, leaves, and how outside factors affect plant growth. This includes any animals or bugs that live on the farm as well. Lastly, the students are also able to harvest and taste vegetables straight from the garden.

2) HOW DO YOU PLAN TO GO ABOUT COMPLETING YOUR INTERNSHIP IN THE REMAINING FIVE WEEKS?

Each week I am learning something new, whether it be related to the garden or teaching practices. I plan to carry on this knowledge through these remaining 5 weeks, hopefully improving my teaching skills, growing my comfortability in garden-based learning, and finally, continuing to make further connections from within my community.

3) EVALUATE THE PROGRESS OF YOUR INTERNSHIP IN RELATION TO YOUR ORIGINAL GOALS. STATE YOUR ORIGINAL GOAL(S), AND THEN OFFER SOME NARRATIVE IN EVALUATING THE PROGRESS:

I came into this internship with the mindset that I was going to do my best to teach these students all I know about garden-based learning. But as the weeks went on, I found it beneficial to allow the students to take part in facilitation. I think it is important to let the students take part in exploring the garden on their own. I find them asking further questions, ultimately using more critical thinking.

4) CAN YOU SEE YOURSELF DOING THIS AS A JOB SOMEDAY? (WHY OR WHY NOT, EXPLAIN)

I can see myself doing this as a career, but I would like to have a more structured environment. I would prefer a job where I could have the same students for a longer amount of time. I find it difficult to establish trust in the teaching environment in such a short period and I would also like to see the student's progress in the information they are learning.

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