

Old Fort Internship Application 2017

The Old Fort at Hesperus and the Old Fort Market Gardens offer an unpaid internship program in Sustainable Agriculture. Students gain skills in all aspects of small-scale agriculture, from drip irrigation to harvesting and marketing, and gain exposure to some aspects of raising cattle, managing hayfields, and staffing a large property. The internship is hands-on; interns participate in the daily operations of a productive, fun, and fast-paced vegetable garden.



The internship runs from May 1st through August 15th, and students usually distribute their hours throughout this period, working 2 days per week on Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays from 8am to 2pm. Students must have access to reliable transportation and/or be willing to carpool, and be willing to work in all kinds of conditions, from heat to snow! No farming experience is necessary. Apply if you are curious, enthusiastic, willing, and enjoy working as part of a team.

Please return application to ewwhittlesey@fortlewis.edu, or mail it to: The Old Fort at Hesperus, 18683 Highway 140, Hesperus, CO 81326.

1. Name, Phone number, and email address:
2. Why are you applying to the Old Fort Internship Program? (3-5 sentences)
3. Are you doing this internship for credit? If so, through what class, professor, and department? How many hours must you fulfill?
4. By what date do you need to complete your hours?
5. Have you farmed before? If so, where? What did you learn?

6. Do you see yourself farming in the future?

7. What is one skill you hope to learn this summer?

8. Do you have any other skills that you'd like to contribute to our program? Artistic and graphic design skills? Carpentry? Small machine maintenance? Construction? Remodeling?

9. What are your other summer commitments? Job? Family? Classes? How do these commitments affect your ability to commit to the internship and fulfill your hours?