



Gorst Valley Hops
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Summer Internship – Hop Field Production

Overview:

Want to be a part of America's growing craft beer industry? Gorst Valley Hops is seeking a dedicated and motivated individual to assist in the day to day operations of growing and harvesting hops.

Gorst Valley Hops was founded on the idea that Wisconsin farmers can provide high quality hops to brewers. A mere century ago, Sauk county in the state of Wisconsin accounted for 1/5th of the world's hop production. However, non-sustainable farming practices and a lack of species knowledge led to a rapid decline in hops production in the late 1800's. We believe in reviving this once thriving and dominant hops production industry of the Midwest. Gorst Valley Hops is committed to providing high quality pelletized and whole leaf hops to everyone from craft brewers to home brewers while maximizing environmental stewardship through sustainable practices from farming through processing.

Duties:

- Scouting for pests and disease in the hop yard
- Installation and maintenance of trellising and irrigation systems
- Weed management and control
- Application of chemicals using a hand sprayer and/or tractor sprayer for disease control
- Tying of twine and training of plants
- Planting, watering, and care of young plants
- Overall maintenance of the farm, it's fields, equipment, and the grounds
- Repair and maintenance of farm machinery
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

- Posses, or being work towards, a 4-year degree in horticulture, soil sciences, agronomy, farm management, biology, agriculture, or related field
- Previous experience in a farm setting is preferred, but not required
- Ability to drive a tractor, or willingness to learn
- Close attention to detail
- Ability to follow written and oral instructions
- Be able to bend, kneel, stoop, stand for long periods of time, lift 40 pounds, and work in various weather conditions
- Ability to complete tasks in a timely manner, self regulate, and stay on task

Timeline: This is a full-time (40hr/week) position that is set to run from May 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017. Schedule is Monday-Friday 8am to 5:00pm but can be longer if needed to meet production needs. Some weekend work may be required. Start date may be flexible to accommodate end of the school year.

Compensation/Benefits: This position pays \$10/hr and upon satisfactory completion of the full internship a \$500 educational stipend will be awarded. Gorst Valley will also pay for the intern to become a certified pesticide applicator through the UW-Extension PAT program (certification valid for 5 years).

Application: Please send a resume and 3 references to hannah@gorstvalleyhops.com.

Subject line: HOP FIELD PRODUCTION. The deadline for application is March 1, 2017.