



Rangeland Internship Program

Wyoming Stock Growers Association | The Nature Conservancy – Wyoming | Assn. of Conservation Districts

Mentor Application

Please complete this application form and return it to the address below as soon as possible. Please send back to: Wyoming Stock Growers Assn. Attn: Haley Clark, P.O. Box 206, Cheyenne, WY 82003 or by email to haley@wysga.org.

Starting in 2013, this joint internship program was designed to offer students real-world ranching experience and resource management though hands-on educational opportunities.

Program Mission & Goals

“The West is losing experienced land stewards. Ranchers are aging and federal land management agencies are faced with a looming loss of capacity. Our goal is to prepare the next generation of land stewards. In a unique partnership between the Wyoming Stock Growers Association, the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts, and the Wyoming Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, we are providing ranching experience and a rancher’s pragmatic perspective on resource management to students who may later pursue careers in resource management in either government or the private sector.”

Please Print or Type

Date Application Mailed: _____

Ranch Name: _____

Owner/Manager Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address (If different from above): _____

Telephone: (____) _____

Email Address: _____

Number of Interns your operation is willing to mentor: _____

Housing Information (Bunkhouse, apartment, room in ranch house, etc.):

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Please note the item/services that are available to the intern while on the mentoring operation:

- Washer and Dryer: Please explain if services will be utilized and/or shared by others on the operation: _____
- Internet Connection: Please explain location and times of use for service: _____
- Opportunity to eat with operation's crew, employees or family. If not, is there a kitchen/kitchenette for intern to utilize? Yes No

Do you require a background check for employees or interns? Yes No

Additional Items Interns will need for duration of Internship (i.e. bed sheets, towels, hiking boots, etc.):

Please give a brief list of activities done on the operation during the summer months that interns may experience: _____

Are there any items the intern cannot bring with them (i.e. dog, horse, etc.):

Please list a few of the most important natural resource practices implemented on the operation:

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List all natural resource agencies your operation works with throughout the summer (i.e. Conservation Districts, USDA-NRCS, USFS, BLM, or Private Contractor):

1. Will there be opportunities for the intern to go to any resource management related meetings throughout the summer? Yes: _____ No: _____ If you answered Yes, please explain:

2. Are you willing to dedicate time each day towards mentoring your intern? ____ Yes ____ No

3. Are there any activities on the operation that you do not want the intern to participate (i.e. use of equipment, special activities such as sorting cattle, doctoring, haying, etc.): _____

4. Who would be the main mentor on the operation? Please list any other individuals who may assist:

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Mentor Responsibilities and Objectives:

- This mentoring position is voluntary and can be renewed each year as such
- To provide an educational and safe learning experience
- Will work with intern to meet learning objectives
- Will give the intern the opportunity to meet with local resource related entities when applicable
- Contact the Wyoming Stock Growers Association (WSGA) if any issues and/or questions occur
(Please find contact information on the footer of the page)
- Will provide a safe and functioning living space for intern
- Understanding that intern may or may not have agricultural experiences and may not be suitable for various kind of work done on the operation with or without guidance and/or supervision
- Is willing to dedicate three (3) months to the Rangeland Internship Program
- Understand that intern is receiving stipend amount from WSGA and is required to submit weekly work summaries and photos at the end of each week between Friday and Sunday.
- Termination of mentoring opportunity can happen at any time and mentors can resign from mentoring by contacting WSGA offices and setting up a meeting time (via phone or in person) regarding reasons for withdrawal from program *(We ask you give a 2 week notice to relocate intern)*

I understand responsibilities and requirements to be met by person(s) receiving a mentoring position and I certify by my signature on this application that I can meet the objectives stated above and if I cannot I must contact the Wyoming Stock Growers Association offices to announce my withdrawal from the mentoring position for the duration of the internship program of three (3) months.

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct.

Date

Applicant Signature

Printed Name