

Not Ready for an Internship?

Try our Youth Mentorship Program!

The Wisconsin Holstein Youth Mentorship Program is designed to help youth in the Wisconsin Junior Holstein Association make connections and learn about employment opportunities in the dairy industry. This program allows youth to choose an interest, and spend one day to two weeks with the selected business or farm. To apply, juniors should fill out an application form that asks them to list their top three choices of people/places to 'mentor'. There is no monetary reimbursement required for this program from hosts to youth participants.

If interested in participating in this program, please visit the WHA Website at www.wisholsteins.com and check out the Junior Page for an application form. Youth can also contact the WHA Office at 1.800.223.4269 for more information. There will be two deadlines for this opportunity - the first is **March 1, 2011**.

2011 Youth Mentor Hosts

Northstar Select Sires District Sales and Consulting Representative

Employer: Lynn Harbaugh, Northstar Select Sires

Dates: flexible to applicant schedule

Learning experience includes:

- General sales tactics and consulting methods to assist farmers in making sound genetic decisions
- Perfecting the art of cold calling
- Learn general semen handling skills
- Become familiar in selling and promoting an entire product line to various herd sizes
- Become familiar with competitors product, pricing and industry standards and trends
- To learn how to become active as a dairyman and allied industry at the same time
- Discuss career opportunities and educational outlets

Applicants should have interest in working in an AI organization in several different capacities.

The CATTLE CONNECTION, Amery

Owners: Tom & Sandy Morris

Dates: Either June 14-18th, July 19-23rd (dates scheduled around the production of the paper)

Learning Experience Includes:

- Pre-production and post-production of the Cattle Connection newspaper
- Learn the details of an office-setting, including keyboarding, publishing software like Quark, InDesign, or Photoshop. Also answering the phone, typesetting, faxing and e-mailing.

Dodgeville Large Animal Veterinary Service, Dodgeville

Employer: Dr. Kevin Johnson, dvsdr@mhtc.net

Dates: TBA

Learning Experience Includes:

Dodgeville Large Animal Veterinary Service is a three person large animal veterinary service located in southwestern Wisconsin that offers general medicine, surgery and 24 hour emergency service as well as fetal ultrasounding and other reproductive work. We work with bovine, equine, and small ruminants.

Hoard's Dairyman, Fort Atkinson

Employer: Hoard's Dairyman/Corey Geiger, cgeiger@hoards.com

Dates: TBA

Learning Experience Includes:

Are you an eager, ambitious dairy student interested in writing? If so, we would like you to consider signing up for the Hoard's Dairyman mentorship program with the Wisconsin Holstein Association. Depending on the applications experience, the mentorship could provide an opportunity to learn more about writing and even potentially lead to an opportunity to write a Young Dairyman Page or Farm story. For the past 21 years, the Hoard's Dairyman internship program also has provided agricultural journalism and dairy science majors with an opportunity to write for The National Dairy Farm Magazine thought their internship program. Interested students in the newly established mentorship program need not major in journalism but show a strong interest in writing. Corey Geiger, an associate editor with Hoard's Dairyman for the past 15 years will serve as the mentor.

Honeycrest Farms, Spring Valley

Owners: Bob & Kathy Traynor

Dates: Flexible dates, two days to two weeks!

Farm Information: Honeycrest Farms, Inc. is a family owned corporation located 7 miles southeast of Spring Valley. The dairy herd consists of 120 Registered Holsteins milked twice daily in a double-six herringbone parlor. The RHA is 25,120 and BAA 107.5. Traynors flush nearly 20 animals each year, and have sent 88 bulls to AI along with exporting numerous embryos.

Learning Experience Includes:

- Milking in a double 6-herring bone
- Mixing & Feeding a TMR with electric feed cart
- Assist with newborn calf delivery and care
- Assist ET vet with collection and observation of embryos
- Assist with advertising
- Also, could include breaking animals to lead, washing and assisting with professional photography session

Applicants Special Project: Analyze two females, cow and a heifer, that are to be flushed. Research pedigrees, assess type and production characteristics of each, both positive and negative. Then research mating sires suitable to complement both their strengths and weaknesses that will accentuate resulting calves marketability.

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Milksource Genetics, Kaukauna

Contact: Jamie Endvick, jendvick@milksource.net

Learning Experience Includes:

Milksource Genetics can offer a well rounded learning experience for youth interested in show cattle management. An individual visiting our farm would be able to help with and learn about:

- Show cattle preparation at home including feeding, washing, and leading
- Flushing and embryo transfer
- Everyday management of a show farm such as organization and presentation

He or she would possibly be able to help us at district show or state show. Anyone interested would have the opportunity to see the inner workings of our 5,500 cow dairy next door as well during the school year and summer.

Budjon Farms, Lomira

Employer: Kelli Cull, info@budjon.com

Dates: TBA

Learning Experience Includes:

A mentorship at Budjon Farms would provide the opportunity for a youth to learn the ins-n-outs of preparing & exhibiting animals for a show. We would offer the individual hands-on experience with the following items:

- How to wash, break to lead and feed show heifers
- How to wash & feed show cows
- The best way to grow topline and belly hair
- The basics of show clipping
- Possibly working with our show string at District show or State Show (depending on dates of program).

The youth would be able to stay at Tom & Kelli's house during the program, which would allow the youth access to discuss questions they may have about how we do things. We would design this as a 10 day to 2 week program....any less time than that, you really would not get a good understanding of our concepts.

The Practice Veterinary Service Dorsland Farms, Junction City

Employer: Dr. Matthew Dorshorst, medorshorst@wctc.net

Dates: TBA

Learning Experience Includes:

The Practice Veterinary Service is a two person dairy veterinary service in central Wisconsin that offers general medicine, surgery and emergency service as well as fetal ultra sounding and embryo transfer. The practice also has a close relationship with Dorsland Farms Registered Holsteins, where embryo donors and recipients are handled.

Holstein Association, USA Field Representative

Employer: Sarah Trapp, Holstein USA Field Representative, STrapp@holstein.com

Dates: TBA

Learning Experience Includes:

Holstein Association USA is the largest breed organization in the world, comprised of members who have a strong interest in breeding, raising and milking Holstein cattle. Sarah is one of 16 Regional Representatives that represent the Association in the field. Travel with Sarah to see how she helps dairy producers utilize Association programs to improve their herds and increase their bottom lines.

Pfizer Animal Health

Employer: Sara Harbaugh, Territory Manager, Pfizer Animal Health, sara.e.harbaugh@pfizer.com

Dates: TBA

Learning Experience Includes:

Spend time with Sara Harbaugh as she covers her sales territory in north central Wisconsin. Sara works with veterinarians and dairy producers to promote the Pfizer Animal Health product line with a specific focus on the dairy. Meet with vets and producers and learn how Pfizer helps them incorporate their products to get the best results. Some areas that Sara focuses on are milk quality, reproductive programs and fresh cow care.

Application for Youth Mentoring Program

Applicant Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Please rank your top three choices and why you chose them.

1. _____

Why? _____

2. _____

Why? _____

3. _____

Why? _____

****Note to youth filling out this application:**

1. This program is designed for you to Job-Shadow these particular businesses.
2. There will be no monetary reimbursement (unless business chooses to do so) for the time period of the program.
3. You need to have a valid Wisconsin Drivers License, meaning you need to be at least 16 years of age to apply for the program.
4. The business will provide food and housing for the time of the program, unless otherwise decided by both parties.
5. Look at this program as a "Networking Tool" for future endeavors. If you are considering any of these types of careers or as an internship, this is a great way to get to know businesses and get involved at the ground level.

Questions?

Contact Ashley Yager at 1-800-223-4269 or via email at ashleyy@wisholsteins.com.

Mail Application to WHA, 902 Eighth Ave, Baraboo, WI 53913

*****Deadline is March 1, 2011*****