



**White Violet Center**  
for Eco-Justice

A ministry of the Sisters of Providence  
of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods

## Summer 2020 Organic Farm and Alpaca Internship

[White Violet Center for Eco-Justice \(WVC\)](#) is looking for up to eight interns for summer 2020 on our certified organic vegetable and alpaca farm. Located at beautiful Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, WVC is 80 miles west of Indianapolis. Here you'll find a farm store, alpacas, chickens, bees, USDA certified organic gardens with two high tunnels and two greenhouses, an orchard, a berry patch, and a classified forest. At WVC you'll get to work with our team of dedicated and caring people. You'll also work and live with other interns from all over the country, in this hands-on learning environment. WVC, established in 1996 by the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, is teaching, caring, inspiring for all creation.

**Why intern with us?** A summer internship at WVC is a great way to connect with nature, learn about where our food comes from and how to live more sustainably. Here's what some of our past interns have said about their experience at White Violet Center for Eco-Justice:

*"The five acres of organic garden is what I originally came here to focus on and it has exceeded my expectations. My passion for sustainable agriculture has grown and I know I want to do something in this field for my future career. Being here for a year I will get to see all four seasons on a farm and what each brings. I've learned so much about what goes in to making a successful garden and I have access to seemingly unending amounts of knowledge from people and resources around me." ~ Liv C.*

*"The atmosphere and the people I work around every day are so positive and uplifting. We're constantly learning about the current trends in eco-justice and sustainability. While out here I've just kind of realized the importance of those things for the future. The people out here are who really make this place something special. The relationships I've built with countless interns, volunteers and staff I know will last a lifetime. This will always be my home." ~Brandon Q.*

*"As I told some people that I was quitting my job so I could go work on an alpaca farm for three months I got a lot of confused looks and many, many questions. It's hard not to doubt your own decisions in those moments, but since coming here to White Violet, my three-month internship has turned into five months, and I know now that coming here was absolutely the right decision for me." ~Hannah G.*

**Job Description:** Under the direction of our dedicated staff, you'll learn about the food supply chain, sustainability and eco-justice and what it takes to run a small USDA certified organic farm. Interns work approximately 35-45 hours per week, five days a week including some weekends. Responsibilities include:

- Plant, mulch, weed, and other summer garden tasks
- Harvest, clean and pack vegetables, fruit, herbs and berries for Farmers Market, Farm Share program and Farm Store
- Gather, clean and process eggs
- Feed and care for alpacas and chickens

- Maintain chicken coops, barns and pastures
- Work in our Farm Store
- Attend monthly staff meetings
- Participate in field trips, educational seminars, and extracurricular enrichment activities
- Present a project of your choice at the end of your experience

**Start Date:** May 18, 2020      **End Date:** August 7, 2020      **Application Deadline:** Jan. 15, 2020

**Benefits:**

- Internship may qualify for independent study
- A total stipend of \$450
- Furnished, private room in a fully furnished house with heat and air conditioning
- Shared common spaces (with up to seven others) include fully outfitted kitchen, three bathrooms, living room, dining room
- One daily meal (your choice) in Providence Hall Dining Room seven days a week. Vegan and vegetarian options are available
- Seasonal produce from the garden and eggs
- Wi-Fi
- Washer and dryer on premises
- Parking
- Household items such as laundry soap and cleaning supplies are included

**Qualifications:**

- 18 years old by May 17, 2020
- Willingness to learn and the ability to self-direct.
- Physically fit, capable of lifting heavy items, and able to use basic tools such as a shovel and wheelbarrow
- Prepared to work in a variety of weather conditions
- Previous experience with animals is helpful but not necessary to apply

We welcome people of all faith traditions (or none), ethnicities, backgrounds, socio-economic demographics, sexual and gender orientations.

**How to apply:** Submit your **Summer 2020** application online at <https://spsmw.org/get-involved/internships/application/> 5 p.m. (EDT) Jan. 15, 2020. You will also need to provide a cover letter and resume by Friday, Jan. 31 2020 to complete your application. Details on how to send this information will be provided when you submit your online application. You can also contact Sr. Mary Montgomery, intern coordinator at [internswvc@spsmw.org](mailto:internswvc@spsmw.org) or 812-535-2932.

**About White Violet Center for Eco-Justice**

White Violet Center for Eco-Justice, a ministry of the Sisters of Providence since 1996, is teaching, caring, inspiring for all creation. The center provides opportunities for participating in creating systems that support justice and sustainability, locally and globally. Through organic agriculture, eco-justice education and social advocacy, White Violet Center strives to promote an awareness and way of living which support all life.