2027 INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CONIFER ORCHARD & NURSERY INTERN

JOB DESCRIPTION

Do you enjoy working outdoors and learning about native ecosystems? Interested in horticulture, forest genetics, and native tree species enhancement? This is a hands-on internship supporting the propagation and care of California's native conifer species working on the grounds of the SPI Conifer Nursery & Seed Center. This fast-paced position offers exposure to nursery operations, orchard management, and sustainable forestry practices.

Assist in native tree nursery and orchard operations by:

- Assist with cone collection and orchard operations across a diverse 75-acre seed orchard featuring five species of trees.
- Help with transplanting, thinning, and weeding to promote strong seedling development.
- Conduct weekly growth measurements and seasonal plant counts (June & September).
- Monitoring seedling health and growth in greenhouse and outdoor environments.
- Maintain orchard irrigation systems with routine maintenance
- Travel to other orchards and progeny sites for orchard operation activities.
- Maintain greenhouse cleanliness and assist with occasional maintenance tasks.
- Support orchard sanitation efforts and vegetation management to ensure a clean, efficient growing environment.
- Perform pruning, mowing, and weeding to maintain orchard aesthetics and productivity. May include the operation of tractors and boom lifts.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be continuing education in Fall 2027, pursuing a degree in forestry, botany, horticulture, or environmental science.
- Interns must be able to cross-country hike and negotiate steep, brushy terrain.
- Willingness to work outdoors in varying conditions.
- Strong attention to detail and organizational skills.
- Excellent communication and teamwork abilities.
- Experience with spreadsheets and basic data entry.
- Previous nursery or agricultural experience is helpful but not required.



BASE LOCATION

GRENADA, CA

Employment Period: May/June - August/September (Flexible start & end dates)

Compensation includes competitive hourly wage ranging $21-23/hr and housing allowance for qualifying individuals.

APPLY ONLINE

Applicants must provide a cover letter and resume when submitting an application.

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DEADLINE TO APPLY

Applications close January 15, 2027

Interviews will be ongoing as applications are received. Positions may be filled prior to deadline.

QUESTIONS? EMAIL: INTERNSHIPS@SPI-IND.COM

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