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Stinner Climate Ambassador 2023 Summer Internship Designing Climate Resilient Agroecosystems in Ohio (and beyond!)

This internship program was designed following the 2022 Stinner Summit, “Designing More Climate Resilient Agroecosystems in Ohio.” The inspiration for the Stinner Summit was Ben Stinner’s rare ability to build relationships based on common interests and his vision, passion, and commitment to building healthy agroecosystems and communities. The Summit, held in October at a different location each year, is a highly engaging and participatory event that draws stakeholders from around Ohio (and sometimes beyond). The project is sponsored by the Ben Stinner Endowment for Healthy Agroecosystems and Sustainable Communities, which seeks to extend Ben’s efforts for agricultural communities through research with a holistic approach to the complex ecological and social challenges facing farming today. [Learn more](#) about Ben Stinner and the Stinner Summit.

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Who You Are (General Qualifications):

- Passionate about climate resilience and climate action
- Interested in learning about agroecosystems in Ohio
- Energetic, flexible, accountable, and reliable
- Ability to contribute individually and participate in a team
- Passionate about creating resiliency and mitigation to address the climate realities we are facing, and about sharing possible action steps with peers
- Interested in documenting your experience via film, podcasts and social media, to reach as wide an audience as possible.
- Comfortable working outside for 4-6 hours
- Available and interested in overnight travel to key regions in Ohio to experience agroecosystems, Monday-Thursday, June 12-July 27
- Age 18-24

What You Will Do:

- Participate in a series of training workshops, hands-on service learning projects with youth from diverse rural and communities, and direct experiences with innovative farmers in order to experience best practices for regenerative farming and food system innovations
- Learn how to positively address our looming climate crisis.
- Earn certification as a ‘Stinner Climate Ambassador’ and join an inaugural group who will help build a bioregional regenerative network that brings together young people to share

knowledge, expand awareness, and take the lead on transforming agroecological systems to improve climate resilience.

- Travel to various model sites in Ohio for 3 – 4 days a week during the internship timeframe (\$2500 stipend, housing, food, and possible transportation provided).
- Connect with a network of professionals working to influence the very cities, counties and colleges you are a part of—as we seek sustainable and regenerative means of meeting the ultimate challenges we face.

Time Commitment: The internship will take place June 12-July 27 and will include traveling to and staying overnight at various locations throughout Ohio each week. Internship weeks will be Monday through Thursday, with interns returning home over the weekend. Housing, transportation, and some food provided.

Project Timeline/Schedule:

- June 12 – 15: Team bonding and immersion in regenerative agriculture
- June 19 – 22 and June 26 – 29: Intensive engagement with urban farming sites in Columbus, Ohio.
- July 1 – 9: Week off, with 1-2 on-line check-ins.
- July 10 – 13: Intensive engagement on-site with rural farming projects in the Athens region.
- July 17 – 21: Intensive engagement with a third site (to be determined).
- July 24 – 27: Return to MTSO for a week of gathering our knowledge, producing media products, and hosting a “closing gathering” for all participants, designed by YOU.

Benefits: By becoming a Stinner Climate Ambassador, you will:

- Gain an understanding of climate resilience, agroecological/regenerative practices that boost climate resilience, and issues of food security and food sovereignty
- Build relationships with one another and ties to the network of diverse individuals and groups working on climate-resilient agriculture and food system issues in Ohio
- Experience working with and mentoring rural and urban youth (grades 8-12) interested in climate adaptation and resilience, and developing the skills to build bridges and relationships between this network and other youth to raise awareness and action on climate resilience topics
- Be encouraged to bring the project back to your respective colleges and/or communities and lead efforts/programs there using the connections you have gained in this program
- Earn ‘Stinner Climate Ambassador’ certificate
- Earn \$2500 living stipend for participation 4 days/week, June 12-July 27, 2023

To Apply: Please send a resume and letter of interest answering the following questions to Terry Hermsen, Project Coordinator: thermsen1115@gmail.com

Deadline: March 26, 2023 for priority consideration

1. Tell us why you’d like to be a Stinner Climate Ambassador? How does this fit your interests and goals? What sounds exciting here?

2. What skills, classes and other experiences have you had which would make you an ideal candidate?
3. How comfortable are you working with younger students, mainly 8th-12th grades, and possibly younger? Have you had any experiences that would make you good at mentoring (and learning from) this age group?
4. How comfortable are you working with a wide range of racially and economically diverse communities? What experiences have you had that would help you with this side of our work this summer?
5. Thinking specifically about the climate crisis we're facing, what are your thoughts about why regenerative agriculture might be a productive way to address this crisis?
6. What media skills do you have (photography, video, podcast creation, and other social media experience) do you have which would help us best document our discoveries this summer?

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