

A Statement of Sustainability from The Stanford Inn

Sustainability, the Community, and “Conscious” Tourism

Sustainable is a state of mind. Being sustainable does not simply mean driving a Prius or reusing bags. It is “mindfulness.” And as it is ‘mindfulness’ it has to do with consciousness. Our industry is currently awash in green: inns and hotels are engaged in what some call “Environmentally Conscious Tourism,” which in many instances signifies establishments that urge guests to hang towels to dry, provide access to environmental treasures such as parks, and perhaps purchase organic lettuces to be used in salads served at the inn’s restaurant.

We believe the term should mean much more. We look at every aspect of our endeavor with an eye on reducing impacts on the environment and providing the healthiest context possible for guests, diners, staff, and the surrounding community.

The Stanford Inn is seeking a full time mini farm manager.

The Stanford Inn is an eco-resort and wellness center located on 10 acres at the mouth of Big River in Mendocino, Ca. Ravens vegan restaurant, Three Springs Institute Chinese medicine clinic and Big River Nursery are integral pieces of the Mendocino Center for Living Well, hosted by The Stanford Inn. Big River Nursery manages 40 raised beds to provide year around produce to Ravens, cut flowers to the inn, and Chinese herbs to Three Springs Institute. Our farming methods are heavily influenced by the whole-systems approach of bio-intensive farming. The entire property is organically landscaped, with a quarter acre of apple orchards, and two acres fenced off for our two horses, two miniature donkeys and three lamas.

Job Summary

Manage the care and upkeep of all herb, flower, and food production, as well as the animals, which are not working animals, but well loved pets. Keep production records and communicate regularly with Ravens kitchen and the bio-intensive research garden on site. Expand and develop garden classes and events offered through the Mendocino Center For Living Well.

Responsibilities

The mini-farm manager will accomplish the following responsibilities:

- 1) Manage and care for vegetable and flower production garden.
 - i) Manage soil fertility.
 - ii) Manage propagation house.
 - iii) Manage all plantings, watering systems, and harvests.
 - iv) Keep propagation, harvests, crop rotation, and soil inputs documented for CCOF and Dept. of Ag.
 - v) Prepare and manage all materials for CCOF and Dept. of Ag.
 - vi) Produce a weekly availability list for Ravens kitchen.
 - vii) Communicate with Ravens kitchen to ensure that you are providing them with produce for their menu.
 - viii) Provide the Stanford Inn and Ravens Restaurant with fresh flower arrangements.
 - ix) Provide fresh flower arrangements for events such as special guests, and weddings.
 - x) Keep garden beds well groomed.

- 2) Manage and care for animals on the property.
 - i) With the help of the grounds manager be sure that the animals are groomed, fed, wormed, and trimmed.

- 3) Coordinate interns.
 - i) Coordinate on-site and off-site intern schedules.
 - ii) Provide support to on-site interns.
 - iii) Teach interns Big River Nursery gardening methods.
 - iv) Manage intern work responsibilities.
 - v) Follow up with specific school and classroom requirements for interns.

- 4) Develop MCLW (Mendocino Center for Living Well) classes.
 - i) Collaborate with director of MCLW, and manager of the research garden to further develop gardening classes offered to the general public and guests of the Stanford Inn.
 - ii) Design hands on garden curriculum.
 - iii) Teach workshops and classes on sustainable gardening.

- 5) Manage and care for Chinese medicine gardens.

- i) Collaborate with nutritionist and Three Springs Institute practitioners to grow useful and adapted herbs.
- ii) Manage the propagation, planting and harvesting of Chinese herbs.

Required Qualifications

- Knowledge of Bio-intensive gardening methods
- Knowledge of coastal gardening
- Experience growing vegetables with hand tools
- Experience teaching organic gardening methods
- Self-motivation and the ability to work independently