Student Opportunities at the Häagen-Dazs Honey Bee Haven

The Häagen-Dazs Honey Bee Haven, which is housed within the UC Davis Department of Entomology and Nematology, is a half-acre educational garden devoted to bee pollinators. The Haven is located about 2.5 miles west of the main campus adjacent to the Harry H. Laidlaw, Jr. Honey Bee Research Facility (http://campusmap.ucdavis.edu/?l=772). There is no campus bus service to the garden.

There are varied learning opportunities for students at the Honey Bee Haven:

**Maintenance volunteers**
We have volunteers from many disciplines, but this is especially good experience for students interested in horticulture, plant science, plant biology, or entomology.

- Help with routine garden maintenance: weeding, pruning, planting, etc. This includes lifting, bending, and work outside in varied weather conditions. Each shift is two hours and can be arranged to fit class schedules. This takes place year-round. Volunteers will learn to maintain and identify plants and will have the opportunity to learn bee biology and identification.
- Assist with weekly monitoring for plant problems and natural enemies on the garden’s plants. Experience preferred but training will be provided. This takes place during the summer. Volunteers will gain experience implementing an integrated pest management program and will learn to identify common garden pests and beneficial insects.

**Outreach volunteers**
1. Guided tours. Docents are needed to lead or assist with guided tours from mid-March to mid-October on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays between 10 and 3 and on the second Saturday of the month at 10. Upper division or graduate students preferred. Volunteers will gain public speaking and teaching experience and will learn about bee biology and identification. Tours cover the following; training will be provided:
   - History and purpose of the garden: concept to reality, how it’s used, supported, and maintained
   - Honey bees and other bee pollinators: biology, economic importance, why they're in trouble and what’s being done to help
   - Plants: what is pollination, how the garden’s plants are selected
   - Honey bee hive: see the bees at work
   - Bees and food production: key crops and how they are pollinated, UC Davis research, ideas for home food gardens
   - What you can do: applying principles of bee biology and ecology in your own garden, how to build and maintain a bee garden, how to observe and study bees, supporting bee outreach and research

2. Assist at open houses to help garden visitors learn about bees and plants. These take place on Friday evenings or Saturdays a few times per year from mid-March to mid-October. Volunteers will gain public speaking and teaching experience and will learn about bee biology and identification.

**Internships**
Internships for academic credit can be arranged to suit a variety of interests. Prerequisites will be determined by the academic advisor.

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