

Hello new interns,

Welcome to Forest Valley! Before we begin, congratulations for making it this far. You've done it. No more editing your resumes, writing cover letters or interviewing for jobs for the next four months! Now you can turn all (or most) of your attention to the task at hand: getting to learn about Forest Valley. To help ease your transition into the workings of this magical place, we thought we might offer some tips and tricks to help you out.

The time will pass slowly at first as you get to know the people, the programs, your roles and the valley. Next thing you know, you'll blink and four months will go by. That's when you'll be wishing you could redo the last four months all over again! Our tip is to start working on your final project as early as possible. Time here is valuable, and finding enough of it is not an easy task. When thinking of ideas for your project, try to find something that aligns with your personal interests and will also support key aspects of your studies (and look great on your resume too). That also means taking risks! That sounds pretty cliché, but it's the truth. Trying new things and finding what works and what doesn't will help you grow as a valuable intern and as a person. Even if things aren't working out so well, there will always be someone here to help you out.

As you familiarize yourself with the different programs here at Forest Valley, you will also get to know the staff. The specialists are full of life experience and a great deal of knowledge. They all have their own unique skills and interests and the more you get to know them, the more you will learn. If there is one tip we can offer, it's do not be afraid to communicate. Ask lots of questions and clarify any confusion. You will be working with a lot of different people and you will learn how to interact with each and every one of them. The best part is, even though you're technically 'at work' don't forget to have fun. Everyone here is great and they all find ways to make work as fun as it is fulfilling. The camaraderie amongst the people here is a huge part of what makes working here fantastic.

A side bonus is all of the knowledge you will gain about the great outdoors. You will surprise yourself by how easily you can identify different plants and animals around the valley by the end. That is a guarantee of what is to come.

P.S. Enjoy the laughter, the learning and all the great things this place has to offer you.

Best of luck,

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