

Report on Marc and Blaine's Traineeship at Obelisk Farm

1. Profile of the Host Organization

Host Organization: Obelisk Farm (Andris and Débora)

Overview: Obelisk Farm is dedicated to sustainable hemp cultivation and processing. Our farm focuses on small-scale hemp operations, providing educational opportunities for individuals interested in learning about hemp farming and processing. We emphasize hands-on learning, practical experience, and community involvement.

2. Evaluation: Short Overall Evaluation

Training Output: Marc and Blaine's traineeship was a success, marked by their active participation and substantial learning outcomes. Over their two-week stay, they gained hands-on experience in:

- **Hemp Cultivation:** Understanding soil preparation, planting techniques, and harvesting methods.
- **Processing Techniques:** Learning about decortication, fiber processing for wool, and hemp seed processing.
- **Product Application:** Gaining insights into making hemp-based products such as building materials and paper.

Their feedback and engagement during the training indicated a high level of satisfaction and growth. They actively participated in all activities, showed a keen interest in learning, and demonstrated a clear understanding of the processes involved.

Highlights:

- Positive interactions with the local community, enhancing the overall learning experience.
- Effective application of theoretical knowledge in practical scenarios.

3. Recommendations

For Future Hosts:

1. **Diverse Experiences:** Including a variety of activities and tasks may provide a well-rounded experience. Consider also the incorporation of more interactive sessions and workshops with local experts.
2. **Feedback Mechanism:** Implementation of regular feedback sessions to gauge trainees' understanding and satisfaction throughout the program. This allows for real-time adjustments and improvements.

For Improvement:

1. **Post-Training Follow-Up:** Develop a follow-up plan to track the trainees' progress and gather feedback on how they have applied their learning. This can provide valuable insights for improving future traineeships.