



Becoming Energy Efficient Butte Community College



Butte Environmental Council

DIY Home Energy Saving Toolkits

- At the Chico Wednesday Farmers Market, I set up a booth to promote the free DIY Toolkits for community members to bring home and implement in their houses as well as save money on their PG&E bills.
- Each toolkit comes equipped with resources and tools necessary to update your home to be energy efficient! Can be checked out at any Butte County Library or BEC Office.



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~ Intern background (career objective, education, experience): My background is mostly in botany & plant science, as well as farming and herbal medicine. I finished my Associates of Science in Social & Behavioral Studies Degree in 2014 and I started my Bachelor of Science in Botany Degree in Fall 2017.

Acknowledgements:

~ Organization & Site Supervisors: I worked with Butte Environmental Council (BEC) in Chico, Ca. My supervisors were Natalie Carter (Executive Director) & Angel Gomez (Watershed Coordinator).

Achievements / Results / Outcomes

Outreach:

- So many members of this town shop for local goods at the farmers market, so by us being there we were able to reach a good amount of people and succeed at lending out these toolkits.

Goal:

- My goal was to reach out to as many community members as I could to educate them on how to have an energy efficient home and practice more sustainable lifestyles for the better of our Mother Earth.

Lessons Learned / Intern Experience

This internship helped me understand the importance of energy efficiency and how to apply this knowledge for future projects.

Successful Strategies:

1. Learned how to better optimize my own energy usage.
2. Learned networking skills as well as built leadership by managing the market booth.

Recommendations for Improvement / Program Expansion:

1. For the future I feel it would be best to table at other events and not just one farmers market in order to ensure reaching a broader spectrum of our community.

