Wolf Ridge Organic Farm strives for a high level of organization and food safety using organic farming practices in order for its farmers to operate at their fullest capacity to produce the healthiest food possible.

The Wolf Ridge Organic Farm Internship will consist of all duties associated with a small-scale, high production, intensively managed vegetable farm, along with teaching opportunities based on the Food and Farming lesson plan. The Farm Manager will mentor and supervise the Intern.

Tasks include but are not limited to:
- Environment controlled seed-starting
- Preparing beds and amending soil
- Direct seeding and transplanting in high tunnels and field plots
- Maintaining market farming tools and materials
- Cultivating, weeding, controlling pests and disease
- Harvesting, washing, storing, and processing of vegetables and transporting them to Wolf Ridge's sole market, the dining hall
- Contributing to Wolf Ridge's food waste program in the dining hall and building on-farm compost
- Monitoring and harvesting Oyster and Shiitake mushrooms
- Giving farm tours to Wolf Ridge campers and the general public
- Assisting with camper task groups and farm pizza lunch

Other projects include agrophenological flora and fauna data collection, weather data collection, soil sampling and analyses, cover crop and pollinator plantings, high tunnel maintenance, and fence building and maintenance. The intern will collect, record, and analyze data that will benefit the farm's successive performance.

Concepts and skills gained include but are not limited to:
- Organic farming practices including pest and disease control
- Lean farming techniques
- Use of market farming tools such as broadforks, oscillating hoes, and wheel hoes
- Plant propagation and care
- Compost physics and management
- Soil science
- Stale seed-bedding
- Season extension techniques
- Task-based education techniques
- Basic understanding of food systems

Work Schedule and Compensation
- Average 40 hours per week with possible holidays and weekends
- On campus community housing with food provided
Credit and stipend application for the internship could be arranged through the intern’s post secondary educational institution

Requirements:

- Appreciation for fresh, nutrient dense food and the will, drive, and dedication to farm that food efficiently and effectively while maintaining a healthy farm ecosystem
- Comfortable around kids
- 21 years of age and a high school graduate or equivalent
- In good physical condition and able to lift and carry 50 pounds
- Drivers license
- Position conditional upon acceptable background screening

For more information:
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