Farber Farm Summer Educator Job Description

START DATE: JUNE 9TH 2020, END DATE: AUGUST 15TH 2020

SALARY TBD. HOUSING AND KOSHER MEALS PROVIDED.

The Farber Farm Summer Educator (FFSE) is the lead educator/programmer at the farm during the summer camp weeks. The educator is responsible for implementing and directing all summer camp programs at the farm centered around the written farm curriculum as well as their own experience of farm related activities. This educator will work in tandem with the Farber Farm Manager to ensure that farm activities are done correctly and at appropriate times (example: when and how to harvest certain crops, what and where to weed, etc.). This is an education-based position with 90% of your time being dedicated to leading classes. The FFSE should have an interest in and experience with food, farming, homesteading skills, sustainability and experiential education. The FFSE will work very closely with Camp Maas staff and is under the direct supervision of the Camp Maas Associate Director. The FFSE will have the option to live on site during the duration of this job and will have access to 3 meals a day at our on site dining facilities.

The Farber Farm is an intensive ¾ acre vegetable, herb and cut flower demonstration farm. We produce food organically with an emphasis on no-till, mineral and microbial based methods. The Farber Farm is located at Tamarack Camps, a 1,500 acre summer camp and retreat center in Ortonville, MI.

Job Responsibilities include:

• Delivering, implementing and adding to camp farm program curriculum. Program themes include Jewish holidays, organic gardening, food justice, Jewish farming and agricultural practices, environmental sustainability, homesteading, permaculture, cooking, preserving, pollinators, composting, seasonal eating, animal husbandry and more.
• Maintaining cleanliness and organization of all program spaces, materials, equipment.
  • Participating in camp “Green Team” initiatives
• Working with the Farm Manager to coordinate age and ability appropriate garden specific activities such as harvesting, weeding, planting etc.
• Communicating regularly with the Outdoor, Arts, Teva, Music and Culinary Arts Specialists about collaborative farm programing.
  • Weekend work may be required
• Oversight of other farm program staff. Ensuring that staff arrive on time, are not using cellphones during program hours, engaging staff, maintain cleanliness, are attentive to campers, are delivering quality programs.
• The FFSE must be willing to offer occasional assistance in farm labor when needed (two person jobs, harvesting, delivering produce, weeding)
• The FFSE may be asked to help watch the farm (chicken chores, greenhouse watering) in case the farm manager is absent
  • Management and maintenance of the farm wood fired cob pizza oven
Minimum Qualifications:

- 2-3 years of experience within experiential outdoor education involving youth
- Willingness to work occasionally on Shabbat (you may be asked to facilitate flexible shabbat appropriate activities) and Sundays
  - Interest and experience with farms and gardens
  - Desires to work with youth
  - Experience cooking with fruits and vegetables
  - Strong positive communication skills
  - Ability to work on a team
- Strong ability to focus and stay on task in a busy environment

 Desired Qualifications:

- At least one year working on an organic farm
- 2+ years of experience with education involving youth
- A desire to learn about and participate in organic agriculture
- Experience with preparing, cooking and processing (pickling, fermenting etc.) seasonal produce
  - A desire to contribute to farm curriculum
- Enthusiasm, excited to try new things, generous, willing to be silly, flexible, kind, creative, caring, and able to maintain a positive team attitude throughout a full and long workday
  - Excellent organizational skills
  - Management experience preferred but not required

Please send your resume and cover letter to:

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