

## **Wright-Locke Farm 2018 Seasonal Farm Educator**

*Wright-Locke Farm is now hiring Farm Educators for its summer programs for children in preschool (ages 4 – 5) and in grades K – 6. Farm Educators are paid \$13 per hour to help facilitate outdoor programs. All farm staff are required to undergo a CORI check prior to the start of their work period (the farm will do this upon hiring).*

### A Farm Educator's responsibilities include:

- Preparation to facilitate programs
  - Reading education materials provided by the farm prior to the start of the program(s), including general education information and that specific to the program season(s) for which you are hired
  - Attending required paid training at the farm (8 hours for returning staff and 16 hours for new staff; this training is typically scheduled the week prior to each program season's start)
- Facilitation of youth programs and youth gardens
  - Setting up before and cleaning up after each program session
  - Teaching lessons and leading activities (includes modifying lessons and activities as necessary)
  - Completing critical youth garden maintenance (watering, weeding, etc) before and/or after programs when time allows
- Communication with fellow Farm Educators and student volunteers
  - Delegating appropriate tasks and duties to student volunteers before, during, and after program sessions
  - Maintaining positive relationships with fellow Farm Educators and student volunteers
- Communication with the Education Director (ED) and Assistant Education Director (AED)
  - Providing the ED and/or AED feedback about successful and unsuccessful lessons and activities when appropriate
  - Notifying the ED and/or AED of any known issues experienced during one or more sessions (with children, parents, co-workers, or volunteers)
  - Updating the ED and/or AED about student volunteer performance

### Candidates for the Farm Educator position should:

- have a strong interest and/or background in teaching children about agriculture, nature, healthy eating, or related subjects (experience preferred but not required)
- enjoy working with children ages 4 - 12
- have a positive attitude, be a strong leader, and be able to adapt to changing environments and circumstances
- be comfortable working outdoors- rain or shine!
- be comfortable working with/handling farm animals (no experience required)
- be able to lift 50 lbs
- have reliable housing and transportation

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Summer Program Schedule:

**Programs run Mondays – Fridays, June 18 – August 17<sup>th</sup>**

- Shift options:
  - Morning: 8:00 am – 12:30 pm daily
  - Afternoon: 1:30 – 5:30 pm daily (no programming July 16 - 20, July 30 - August 3)
- Mandatory paid training to be held on June 14 – 15 from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
- Optional additional hours may be available:
  - In the farm fields Tue-Fri upon discussion with the farmer in April 2018
  - For additional educational events held throughout the season

If you are interested in working as summer Farm Educator, please send a resume and cover letter to the Education Director, Erika Gorgenyi, at [FarmEd@wlfarm.org](mailto:FarmEd@wlfarm.org) as soon as possible. Interviews will be scheduled in April or until positions are filled.