

# Job Posting 2020 Seasonal Farm Educator (spring and/or summer programs)

Wright-Locke Farm Conservancy, Inc. in Winchester, MA is seeking Farm Educators to assist with our Spring and Summer Youth Programs. Farm Educators will lead lessons and activities for small groups of children, ages 3 - 12 depending on the program. All activities take place at Wright-Locke Farm. Educators should enjoy working with kids and have experience in outdoor/nature-based education. All educators must pass a CORI/SORI background check.

### Farm Educator responsibilities include:

- Facilitation of high-quality educational experiences on the farm and in the adjacent woods
  - Teaching lessons and leading activities focused on farm- and nature-based education (includes modifying lessons and activities as necessary)
  - Setting up before and cleaning up after each program session
  - Ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants
- Preparation to facilitate programs
  - Reading education materials provided by the farm prior to the start of the program(s), including general education information and program-specific materials
  - Attending <u>required</u> paid training at the farm; this training is typically scheduled the week prior to each program season's start
  - Assisting with curriculum development as needed
- Communication with fellow Farm Educators, student volunteers and parents (as necessary)
  - Delegating appropriate tasks and duties to student volunteers before, during, and after program sessions
  - Maintaining positive relationships with fellow Farm Educators, student volunteers and parents
  - Communicating any concerns, questions or issues with parents as necessary and appropriate
- Communication with the Youth Programs Manager (YPM) and Director of Education (DE)
  - Providing the YPM and/or DE feedback about successful and unsuccessful lessons and activities when appropriate

- Notifying the YPM and/or DE of any known issues experienced during one or more sessions (with children, parents, coworkers, or volunteers)
- Updating the YPM and/or DE about student volunteer performance
- Attending staff check-in meetings

### **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 3 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 up to 50 lbs
- have reliable housing and transportation
- current CPR/First Aid Certification (preferred)

#### **Employee Perks:**

- \$14/hour
- Free organic produce "seconds"
- Staff potlucks
- Farmstand discount

If you are interested in working as a Farm Educator, please send a resume and cover letter to Director of Education, Erika Gorgenyi at <a href="mailto:FarmEd@wlfarm.org">FarmEd@wlfarm.org</a> as soon as possible.

## Thank you!