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Job Opening: Farm-Based Educational Instructor

Massaro Community Farm is in search of per diem teachers for the 2018 program year. Teachers will lead/assist farm-based field trips and outreach programs for the k-12 age group.

About Us

Massaro Community Farm, Inc. is a nonprofit certified organic farm in Woodbridge, CT. Its mission is to Keep Farming, Feed People and Build Community. The farm fulfills its mission by offering the sale of produce to seasonal subscribers, to restaurants and at farmer's markets. The farm offers farm-based education for youth and adults, and holds community building events each year. The farm maintains a commitment to donate at least 10% of its weekly harvest to hunger relief agencies.

Job Description

Farm-based educational programming includes farm field trips in spring (April-June) and fall (September-November), and a summer camp in August. Most teaching takes place Monday-Fridays between 9am-1pm, with occasional exceptions, and includes leading hands-on activities on topics around agriculture, food and the environment. The farm also hosts farm group educational visits from summer camps in June and July. Lesson plans and materials are provided, but instructors are welcome to contribute ideas for programming. Trips are planned well in advance and all teachers will be given a schedule of teaching opportunities.

We strive to provide quality farm-based education for students from Woodbridge and numerous other surrounding towns, regardless of the school or student's ability to pay for such programming.

Preferred Skills, Qualities, Experience

The ideal teacher will:

- Have some experience leading children in educational activities, preferably in an outdoor setting
- Be comfortable working in a variety of weather conditions on the farm (24 hours advance notice will be given in the event of a weather cancellation)
- Be willing to lead lessons based on outlines and materials provided
- Work with groups of up to 15 students from a variety of socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds
- Be comfortable receiving educational materials in electronic format, and navigating Google applications (gmail, docs, drive, sheets)



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- Be willing to lift up to 25 pounds for the set-up/break-down of materials/supplies for lessons in the garden
- Be willing to pass a background check
- First aid training a plus, but not required

Compensation

Teachers will be paid as independent contractors at the rate of \$13.50/hr.

To Apply

Interested candidates should send their resume (including references) and a cover email to education@massarofarm.org.

Massaro Farm is an "equal opportunity employer." Massaro Farm will not discriminate in employment, recruitment, advertisements for employment, compensation, termination, upgrading, promotions, and other conditions of employment against any employee or job applicant on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, gender expression, or sexual orientation.