

## Massaro Community Farm Summer Youth Employment Program

KEEP FARMING. FEED PEOPLE. BUILD COMMUNITY.

Mission of the Farm: Massaro Community Farm is a nonprofit, certified organic farm on 57 acres of land. Our farm operation supports a 200+-subscriber CSA and has a weekly presence at area farmer's markets. The farm includes ~42 acres of woods and wetlands along with 15 acres of fields, 10 that are currently cultivated producing vegetables, flowers, and honey. Massaro's organic vegetables complement dishes at area restaurants and every year at least 10% of our harvest is provided to local food pantries and hunger relief programs. Massaro Community Farm strives to act as a good steward of the beautiful farmland and surrounding environment entrusted to it.

Mission of the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP): The Massaro Community Farm Youth Employment Program empowers young community members to gain valuable employment skills in a community-based setting with fair compensation and structured career-building exercises.

### 2021 Summer Youth Employment Program

What: The program will seek to hire six to eight high school students (entering grades 10-12) from nearby towns to work on the farm. Youth staff will work three to four days per week, four hours per day (8am-12pm) for eight weeks, from late June to mid-August.

How: Summer Youth Crew (SYC) will be involved in all aspects of the farm operation, including planting, harvesting, washing produce, weeding, irrigating, seeding in the greenhouse, and additional field work. SYC may have the opportunity to work on projects in our Learning Garden, trail in the woods, pollinator plantings, with our livestock and elsewhere on the farm. Through the program, youth will learn new skills, be part of a team and build job experience while doing great work in the community. The SYEP will be run by the appointed farm staff Youth Crew leaders, with direct support from the Farm Manager, Farm Staff, Education Director and Executive Director.

When: The SYEP will have a tentative schedule of Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8 am until 12 pm from June 28<sup>th</sup> to August 20<sup>th</sup>

Where: Massaro Community Farm, 41 Ford Road, Woodbridge CT (right on the border of Ansonia). Applicants MUST have reliable transportation.

Interested in applying? Please submit a letter explaining why you are interested in working on a farm, and what you hope to get out of the experience. Letters can be sent to Education Director Corey Thomas at [education@massarofarm.org](mailto:education@massarofarm.org). Questions about applying? Please call 203-736-8618.