



Position Description: Farm-Based Education Volunteer Intern

Description: Red Wiggler is seeking a Farm-Based Education Volunteer Intern to assist 3 days a week (Wed-Friday) with educational groups and activities on the farm. About 1000 individuals come to Red Wiggler each year to take part in educational programming, many of whom are youth with developmental disabilities. Visitors take part in hands-on tours of the farm as well as activities related to healthy eating, plant life cycles, insects and wildlife, soil and water quality. The Education Volunteer Intern will assist the Education and Outreach Coordinator with planning programming for each group and co-facilitating tours and activities. The intern will lead some groups independently.

Other tasks may include:

- Assisting with the maintenance and development of the Discovery Garden
- Assisting with interpretive signs around the farm
- Incorporating Red Wiggler growers (persons with disabilities that work at the farm) into tours and activities in a way that gives them leadership opportunities
- Writing pieces to be featured in our newsletter and blog

If interested, there may be opportunities to work in the fields along side our Growers, staff, volunteers and other interns.

Time Frame: March/April– June with availability between 9:00a.m. and 3:00p.m., Wednesday-Friday. There is some flexibility in the schedule and will depend somewhat on the interests of the intern.

Qualifications:

- Interest in farm-based education and at least 1 season of working with youth and/or adults in an experiential education type setting, outdoor education preferred
- Interest in working with youth and adults with developmental disabilities. Experience a plus
- Knowledge of organic farming, plant life, pollinators and nutrition
- Comfortable leading groups as a co-facilitator as well as independently
- Able to keep a positive attitude
- Able to work in a team as well as independently
- Dependable
- Ready and able work outdoors in all weather

Training:

- In addition to this largely hands-on training, we participate in the Chesapeake Collaborative Regional Alliance for Farmer Training (CRAFT) program. Interns are strongly encouraged to participate in this program which provides learning and networking opportunities with area farmers. Please note, the bulk of the CRAFT program takes place in the summer months.
- Depending on the interest of the intern, we can also offer in depth discussions on relevant topics including non-profit management, organic farming, community engagement, and how to integrate educational curricula into farms.

Compensation:

- \$200/month stipend to cover expenses incurred during internship
- Interns will receive farm-grown vegetables every week
- We can arrange for students to receive academic credit for this internship

Housing:

On-farm housing is not available. However, we may be able to help with housing possibilities.

To Apply:

Please submit a letter of interest and your resume to molly@redwiggler.org. Applications will be considered as they are received.