



Position Description: Farm-Based Education Volunteer Intern

Description: Red Wiggler is seeking an individual to assist with both educational efforts and field work for the 2017 season.

Educational Responsibilities:

- Assist with hands-on tours of the farm for individuals of all ages, about 30% of which have developmental disabilities.
- Work with participants in the Vocational Training Program where young adults with developmental disabilities, accompanied by a job coach, learn job skills, basic farm tasks and acquire the skills to become a regular volunteer at Red Wiggler.
- Contribute educational pieces and recipes to our CSA newsletter and the blog.
- Keep up with regular maintenance of interpretive signage
- Assist with other relevant efforts as time allows.

Field Work:

- Assist farmworkers with disabilities in everyday farm tasks, including planting, harvesting, composting, weeding, pest management
- Assist with some CSA market staffing

Time Commitment: Tuesdays-Fridays 8-4 & Saturdays 8:30 – 12:30, mid May – August. There is some flexibility in the schedule, however to qualify receive the title of intern and the stipend, we ask for at least 12 weeks.

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:

- \$300/month stipend to cover expenses incurred during internship
- Interns will receive farm-grown vegetables every week during the CSA season
- We can arrange for students to receive academic credit for this internship

Housing:

On-farm housing is not available.

To Apply:

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