



Berkshire Botanical Garden

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Educator at Farm in the Garden Camp

JOB TITLE: Farm Camp Educator

JOB TYPE: Seasonal/Summer

DATE POSTED: February 2020

OVERVIEW :

Berkshire Botanical Garden (BBG) is seeking Educators for Farm in the Garden Camp, a summer day camp for children ages 5-14 held on the beautiful grounds of the Berkshire Botanical Garden in historic Stockbridge, MA. Campers care for farm animals, harvest food they grow themselves, and participate in a wide range of activities: bottle-feeding animals, making cheese, running a farm stand, creating fiber crafts, baking treats with eggs collected from the chicken coop, extracting honey from our beehives, and much more. The camp is small by design, with just 28 children attending each week-long session. Camp runs for seven weeks, following a week-long staff training.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Responsible for co-leading a group of children ages 5-7, 8-10, or 11-14.
- Responsible for all aspects of camp life: participating in morning circle; running animal, craft, and gardening activities; overseeing snack and lunch time; communicating with the Camp Director regarding behavior or medical issues; and generally acting as an adult presence and one of the leaders of their group throughout the camp day.
- In addition to the camp's specific farm-based curriculum, there are daily opportunities for educators to lead an activity that they design themselves. Past activities include pond-exploration, cooking favorite recipes, creating a play, branch weaving, flower pressing, and many others.
- Farm Camp Educators support and are supported by the Farm Specialist, Camp Director and Leaders-in-Training (LITs)
- The Farm Camp Educators report to the Camp Director.



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QUALIFICATIONS

- A passion for youth development. Previous experience working with children required.
- Experience with crafts, gardening, and farming experience preferred.
- Must be highly responsible, self-motivated, flexible, and capable of working outside all day.
- An abundance of patience for working with children as well as a good sense of humor and strong work ethic.
- Must acquire CPR/First Aid certification before the first day of camp, June 29, 2020. Certification may be available through BBG prior to staff training.
- Be able to successfully pass a background check.

To comply with state regulations, the candidate must be 18 years of age or older and have graduated high school by June 22, 2020.

DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT AND REQUIRED HOURS

The position runs for eight weeks: a mandatory week of staff training and seven weeks of camp. The position begins on Monday, June 22, 2019 and ends on Friday, August 16, 2019. The workday is Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM until 4:00 PM, with the addition of early drop-off and late-pick up shifts each week. The salary is \$12.75-14/hour, 35-38 hours/week.

TO APPLY

Please submit a cover letter and resume to Bridgette Stone, Director of Education at bstone@berkshirebotanical.org. Applications are accepted until all positions are filled.

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