



Berkshire Botanical Garden

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Leader-in-Training (LIT) Application

About Farm Camp: Farm in the Garden Camp is a day camp for children ages 5-14 located on the beautiful grounds of Berkshire Botanical Garden. A typical camp day might include making fresh goat cheese, extracting honey from our beehive, planting seeds in the garden, baking a treat with ingredients from the garden, and much more. Campers run a weekly farm stand for families and prepare a Friday Farm Feast to celebrate the fun and accomplishments of the week.

Farm in the Garden Camp 2020 has multiple openings for Leaders-In-Training (LITs) ages 15-18. Supervised by the Camp Director, volunteer LITs support educators in guiding campers through daily farm, garden, and craft activities. Camp runs Monday-Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm from June 29 to August 14. LITs are required to commit to a minimum of 2 sessions of the summer. There will be a mandatory LIT training on Thursday, June 25 at Berkshire Botanical Garden. Time of training TBA.

Application Deadline:

Those interested in being a volunteer LIT should apply by May 25, 2020. Those who apply by then will be given priority and will be notified within two weeks if they have been accepted. Any applications received after May 25 will only be considered if spaces remain available.

LIT Responsibilities:

- Assist educators in set up, take down, and running of activities
- Interact with campers, help them complete crafts, activities, recipes, etc.
- Maintain the cob oven fire for the Friday Farm Feast
- Lead a game or activity; not required but highly encouraged
- Other duties as assigned

What you gain from being a LIT:

- Develop important leadership skills by observing educators and interacting with campers
- Learn not only the *types* of activities taught at Farm Camp, but more importantly *how* they are taught, organized, and planned
- Gain work references and employment skills
- Build the foundation for potential future work as a paid Camp Staff
- Be part of a fun and diverse community of children and educators (not to mention chickens, goats, rabbits, and sheep!)

Who should apply for a LIT volunteer position?

This position is for highly motivated teens (15-18 years old). Farm and Garden Camp LITs are enthusiastic about working with children, have a love of animals and the outdoors, and are interested in enhancing their leadership skills, including communication, teamwork, decision making, confidence, and creativity.

Interested candidates should complete the following application and drop it off at BBG, email it as an attachment to sross@berkshirebotanical.org, or send by mail to the above listed address, "ATTN: Farm Camp". Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Qualified applicants will be interviewed in person or by phone.

If you have any questions, please contact the Camp Director, by emailing sross@berkshirebotanical.org or calling 413-931-3194.

We believe our camp community is strengthened by diversity and encourage individuals with diverse backgrounds, experiences, and identities to apply.



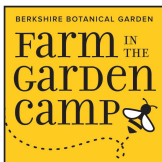
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Interests: Why do you want to be a LIT at Farm in the Garden Camp?

Strengths: What are your greatest strengths?

Related Experience: List coursework, after school activities, or hobbies related to Farm in the Garden Camp. Please include length of participation and how these activities might help you at camp.

Skills & certifications: Describe any special skills or certifications that are pertinent to your application.



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Farm Camp Skills: Please rate your ability to lead activities in the following areas by placing a “1” by the activities that you can teach others to lead, “2” by the activities you could lead, and “3” by the activities you would feel comfortable assisting. Number all boxes that apply to you.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> animal husbandry | <input type="checkbox"/> crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> journaling | <input type="checkbox"/> water games |
| <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> drama | <input type="checkbox"/> knitting/yarn crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> woodworking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> botany | <input type="checkbox"/> environmental ed. | <input type="checkbox"/> musical instruments | <input type="checkbox"/> wool felting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bugs | <input type="checkbox"/> farm stand | <input type="checkbox"/> nature activities | <input type="checkbox"/> wool spinning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> building | <input type="checkbox"/> gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> song leading | <input type="checkbox"/> other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> group games | <input type="checkbox"/> storytelling | _____ |

References: Please give names, email addresses, and phone numbers of three people (non-family members such as teachers, coaches, community group leaders, or others) who know you well. State when and under what circumstances they have known you.

1. _____
Name Phone Email

How do you know this person? _____ How many years? _____

2. _____
Name Phone Email

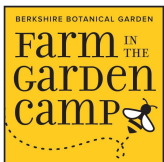
How do you know this person? _____ How many years? _____

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Name Phone Email

How do you know this person? _____ How many years? _____

It is my understanding that this application, or the granting of an oral interview, does not represent a contract or promise of future benefits by *Berkshire Botanical Garden*. **I understand and agree that if selected, my services will be at-will in nature and may be terminated, with or without cause, at any time, by either *Berkshire Botanical Garden* or myself. I also understand that this written statement supersedes any and all oral representations made by agents or representatives of *Berkshire Botanical Garden*.**

AGREEMENT: I certify that the information on this application is true, complete, and correct. I hereby authorize the investigation of my past employment, education and activities and I release from liability all persons, companies and corporations that supply such information. I understand that false answers, statements or significant omissions made by me on this form shall be sufficient cause for denial or discharge.



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Signature

Date