



## 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.

Farm in the Garden Camp 2021 has multiple openings for Leaders-In-Training (LITs) ages 15-18. Supervised by the Camp Director, volunteer LITs support educators in guiding campers through the 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 consecutive sessions of the summer. There will be a mandatory LIT training on Thursday, June 24th at Berkshire Botanical Garden. Time of training TBA.

### Application Deadline:

Those interested in being a volunteer LIT should apply by April 26th. 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 April 26th 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 visit our website at <https://www.berkshirebotanical.org/farm-garden-camp> and click on the LIT Application link.

If you have any questions, please contact the Camp Director, by emailing [rdurgin@berkshirebotanica.org](mailto:rdurgin@berkshirebotanica.org) or calling 413-298-4505.

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