

AmeriCorps Educator Job Description

The Wolfe's Neck Farm Education Program is an expanding environmental education program at a 626 acre saltwater farm on the coast of Freeport. The program has the unique opportunity of providing integrative, experiential education both on topics of sustainable agriculture and permaculture, as well as ecology of wetlands, forests, and coastal areas.

Responsibilities:

The AmeriCorps Educator will work with the Executive Director, Education Coordinator, and Development Director to develop and execute education programs (60% of the job) and volunteer activities (40% of the job).

He or she will teach a variety of lessons over topics ranging from sustainable agriculture, gardening, farm animals, ecology of wetlands, marine systems and forests. Programming may include, but is not limited to, fall and spring Farm School programs, field trips, community events, adult classes, and summer camp. The AmeriCorps Educator will have the opportunity to design and execute curriculum, as well as help to streamline current programming. Because much of our education centers around agriculture, The AmeriCorps Educator will participate in daily chores, caring for the animals and gardens.

He or she will also work with our volunteer program, as volunteerism and service learning are integral parts of our educational goals. The AmeriCorps will develop and execute recruitment strategies, design trainings, compile volunteer tasks, and effectively managing volunteers such that they support the strategic plan for the farm. The AmeriCorps Educator will work with local teachers and administrators to design and execute service learning opportunities. He or she will be responsible for the organization and maintenance of the volunteer database.

This position requires some work on evenings and weekends, with prior notice.

Qualifications:

- Strong leadership skills
- Experience educating children in an outdoor setting
- A passion for education, sustainable agriculture, and the environment
- Interest in service learning and volunteerism
- Ability to work independently and in a team
- Dependable, mature, an excellent role model for children
- Self-starter
- Strong organizational skills
- Excellent communication skills: both written and oral
- Personable
- Enjoys engaging a wide variety of people

Desired Skills:

- Experience working with farm animals
- Experience with gardening
- Strong computer skills: Microsoft Word, Excel, Access
- Experience with volunteer management
- Background in Environmental Science, Agriculture, Education or related field
- First Aid/CPR Certifications