

COMMON GROUND

COMMON GROUND FARM CAMP

At Farm Camp, kids learn through collaboration, exploration, imagination, and discovery. Children engage directly with farmland and the natural world and make their own culinary, scientific, and artistic creations with their own hands. Campers spend time in the garden, at the pond, in the field, in the barn, and along our nature trails. Kids develop new skills, make new friends, and grow an appreciation for the beauty and complexity of the natural environment within which we live.

Farm Camp runs from 9am to 3pm Monday through Friday, July 1-August 23 (no camp July 4) at Stony Kill Farm, 79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls, NY.

Our camp instructors develop plans for the morning sessions based on the weekly themes, using a variety of methods for exploration. Our campers dig into each week's program through direct engagement, scaffolded to their age level. We harvest, we explore, we make art, we experiment, we move our bodies, we play games, and we get really dirty!

In the afternoons we offer Campers' Choice, where children will have less structured time to play games, craft their own creations, and explore the natural world. Campers will be given the choice to move between different activities offered by the instructors and counselors. The activities available will have new choices every day!

This year, Farm Camp is open to children ages 4 to 9 in July and 4 to 12 in August. Children will be grouped according to age: Carrots (4-5 year olds), Tomatoes (6-7 year olds), Broccoli (8-9 year olds) and Zucchini (10-12 year olds).

Camp Instructor Job Description

Instructors develop the programming for our morning and some afternoon sessions. Our instructors are able to effectively and joyfully teach groups of approximately 10 to 12 campers about nature, food, farming, art, and animals. Educators who can bring a special talent to share with the camp community--such as musical ability, artistic creativity, love of the outdoors, etc. is a plus.

Responsibilities include:

- Developing age appropriate and fun lesson plans based on weekly themes (Themes this year include: Local Chefs, Artists, Activists, Farmers, Nature Rangers, Ecologists, and Paleontologists & Geologists)

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- Creating a weekly supply list for supplies needed for the next week of program
- Coordinating with counselor for the group to ensure all campers' needs are met
- Prepping materials and spaces to conduct lesson plans
- Assist with daily clean up, including put supplies away, sanitize areas, clean up messes made, etc. and assist with camp opening/closing responsibilities as needed or as assigned
- Participate in weekly planning meeting
- Participate in weekly staff meeting

Instructors must have teaching experience with a variety of ages, be able to write dynamic, experiential-based lesson plans, and have an ability to work together as a team with our farm crew, the other instructors, and our counselors. The position includes 36 hours on-site plus 4 hours each week to plan and prep for lessons.

This is a full time, seasonal paid position for the weeks of July 1 through August 23 plus up to an additional three days training the week of June 24-28 at a salary range of \$18-\$20 per hour.

We are also looking for instructors who have specialized skill in art, cooking, science or outdoor skills to work with our oldest campers full-time for one week of camp.

To apply, send a cover letter, a resume, and 3 references to Renae Essinger at education@commongroundfarm.org with the title that you are most interested in as the subject.