

# 2018 Summer Education Apprenticeship

Summer education apprentices receive hands-on educational and agricultural experience on our vibrant community farm. The farm has a tri-fold mission of providing fresh veggies to the community through a CSA, providing education for people of all ages and food justice.

Apprentices work with children ages 4-12 at our farm-based summer camp, where they lead small groups in fun and creative activities developed to demonstrate and celebrate the cycles of nature that produce our food. Additional duties include maintaining education vegetable gardens, caring for the farm animals, running educational birthday parties, leading farm tours for visiting children and families, and assisting at other public events and fundraisers. Education program activities include: planting, harvesting, cooking, creating a child-run farmer's market, composting, arts and crafts, farm history, caring for the farm animals, nature trail hikes, cooperative games, music and storytelling. Apprentices are also responsible for assisting with the set-up and clean-up of all programs. While there is an established education curriculum in place, there are opportunities to develop new activities based on individual interests and skills.

**Position Requirements:** Summer education apprentices must be prepared to work long active days outdoors with children. The average schedule is 8:30 AM-4:00 PM Monday–Friday, with some evening hours. Apprentices are part of a rotating animal chore and plant watering schedule, which may occasionally require staying past 4:00 PM. Apprentices are required to meet after camp with the camp director for a period of 1-2 hours on the last Thursday of each session in preparation for the next session.

## **Desired Qualifications:**

- Creative, hard-working, responsible, self-motivated, and conscientious
  - Passion for nature and sustainable agriculture
  - Experience working with children
  - Comfortable cooking and eating a wide range of farm fresh vegetables
  - Musical and artistic skills a big plus
  - Positive attitude and cooperative work ethics
  - Willingness to work outdoors in all weather (hot, cold, humid, rainy)
  - Flexibility to work some evenings and weekends
  - Reliable transportation to the farm required
- Compensation: Summer Education Apprentices receive a weekly stipend of \$275 and produce from the farm.

**Additional Educational Benefits:** Phillies Bridge Farm Project participates in the Mid-Hudson Collaborative Regional Alliance for Farmer Training (CRAFT) program, through which apprentices have the opportunity to attend weekly meetings at various local farms. Each meeting includes a farm tour and a lesson around a specific topic (i.e. irrigation, season extension, compost, no-till farming). We are now accepting applications! To apply, please send your resume, including three professional references and a cover letter to Jazmine Langlitz, Camp Director, at [camp@philliesbridge.org](mailto:camp@philliesbridge.org) and write "Education Apprentice Application" in the subject line. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.