

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: Education Assistant
RED HOOK FARMS
Brooklyn, NY



Job Title: Education Assistant
Reports to: Farm Manager, Education Manager
Type: Part-time, temporary
Duration: April-November (35 weeks)
Schedule: Wednesday-Saturday, 28 hours/week (1 position)*
Tuesday-Friday, 28 hours/week (1 position)*
**some evenings required*
Compensation: \$17-\$19/hour DOE

Red Hook Farms, a project of Red Hook Initiative, is a youth-centered urban farming and food justice program in Red Hook, Brooklyn. We create opportunities for teens to expand their knowledge base, develop their leadership skills, and positively engage with each other, their community, and the environment. We operate two urban farm sites, and our programs include a teen farm apprenticeship, three weekly farm stands, a CSA and Fresh Food Box, and a school workshop program. We strive to improve access to healthy, affordable produce, while nurturing a new generation of green leaders.

Position Overview:

The Education Assistant supports all the farm-based learning opportunities at our two farm sites: the 2.75 acre Columbia Street Farm and the 1.1 acre Wolcott Street Farm. Under the guidance of the Farm Manager, the Education Assistant will co-lead hands-on workshops for school-aged children, maintain the education beds on both farm sites, and support ongoing curriculum development. A small amount of data entry (teacher surveys, follow up emails) will also be required throughout the growing season. The Education Assistant will also support regular farm maintenance at the farm sites, including but not limited to weeding, planting, watering, mulching, and harvesting. Depending on schedule and interest, this position may also support outreach activities, community engagement, produce distributions, and other public events.

Responsibilities:

- Co-lead up to 9 school visits per week for children, k-8th grade;
- Support development of weekly curriculum;
- Maintain education areas through regular weeding, planting, and other farm tasks;
- Serve as mentor and group leader for teens and young adults working on the farm;



- Serve as a positive role model to all farm visitors;
- Support site visits from funders, elected officials, peer programs, and others;
- Light data entry and other record-keeping;
- Collaborate on special events on the farms such as fundraisers and community festivals;
- Participate in staff meetings, social media outreach, and program planning as necessary.

Qualifications:

- Excited to work with children of all ages, in an outdoor setting;
- Excited to learn environmental education best practices and techniques;
- Ready to work outside, in all types of weather;
- Open to direction, works well in a team;
- With appropriate support and training, willing to take initiative and lead farm tasks with groups of youth or adult volunteers;
- Commitment to social justice;
- Positive attitude!
- Ability to work collaboratively with those from various racial, ethnic, religious, and socio-economic backgrounds;
- Outgoing, personable, able to effectively engage with community members;
- Able to lift up to 50 pounds.

Preferred:

- Background in urban farming or gardening;
- Experience working with children, preferably outdoors;
- Knowledge of chicken care;
- Social media savvy, particularly Instagram and Facebook;
- Comfortable using Microsoft suite and Google Drive;
- Familiar with Red Hook community as well as NYC urban agriculture community;
- Carpentry and other building skills.

To apply:

Email resume and cover letter in a **single pdf** to apply@rhicenter.org. Please write "Farm Assistant" in the subject line. Interviews will be scheduled as applications are received. No calls please.