

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: Farm Education Assistant**  
**RED HOOK FARMS**  
Brooklyn, NY



**Job Title:** Farm Education Assistant  
**Reports to:** Farm Education Manager  
**Type:** part-time, temporary  
**Hours:** 28 hours/week  
**Schedule:** Tuesdays-Saturdays  
**Salary:** \$17-19/hour  
**Duration:** February - November

**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, 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 Farm Education Assistant supports all the education programs 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 Education Manager, the Education Assistant will co-lead a mix of hands-on and virtual workshops for the following programs: Farm-Based Learning (FBL) for school groups, Youth Farmers Teen Apprenticeship, and a Middle School Science Action Club. In addition, the Farm Education Assistant will be responsible for maintaining the education-focused beds on the farms, as well as supporting ongoing curriculum development. Regular data entry and office work (workshop scheduling, teacher surveys, end-of season evaluations, follow up emails) will also be required on a weekly basis. Other tasks may include social media posts and interpretive signage development. Spring and fall schedule: Tuesdays & Thursdays office time and in-person Youth Farmers work sessions; Wednesdays virtual FBL visits, maintaining education beds, and in-person Middle School Science Action Club; Saturdays supporting volunteers, Youth Farmers and our food distributions (CSA, Farm Stand). Summer schedule: Tuesdays office hours, Wednesday - Saturday in-person Youth Farmers sessions. Schedule subject to change; this position is almost entirely in-person.

**Responsibilities:**

- Co-lead virtual school visits for children, k-8th grade;
- Serve as mentor and session co-leader for middle-school aged youth, teens and young adults working on the farm;
- Support development of weekly curriculum;
- Maintain education areas through regular weeding, planting, and other farm tasks;
- Serve as a positive role model to all farm visitors;

- Support site visits from funders, elected officials, peer programs, and others;
- Email, data entry, record-keeping, and other office tasks;
- Collaborate on special events on the farms such as fundraisers and community festivals (TBD);
- Participate in staff meetings, social media outreach, and program planning as necessary.
- Attend end-of season team building trip(s) with youth (TBD)



**Qualifications:**

- 1-2 years experience working with youth in an outdoor setting;
- Excited to work with children of all ages and learn environmental education best practices;
- Ready to work outside, in all types of weather;
- Open to direction, works well in a team, positive attitude;
- Creative, can take initiative, offer ideas, and implement projects;
- With appropriate support and training, able to lead groups on farm tasks;
- Commitment to social justice;
- 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 25 pounds.

**Preferred:**

- Experience in urban farming or vegetable gardening;
- Knowledge of chicken and/or bee care;
- Social media savvy, particularly Instagram and Facebook;
- Graphic design skills;
- Comfortable using Microsoft suite and Google Drive;
- Familiar with the Red Hook community as well as NYC urban agriculture community.

**To apply:**

Email resume and cover letter in a **single pdf** to [veggies@rhicenter.org](mailto:veggies@rhicenter.org). Please write "Farm Education Assistant" in the subject line. Interviews will be scheduled as applications are received. No calls please.