

Full Job Description

Who We Are

Snipes Farm Day Camp sits on 80 beautiful acres of a 7-generation, USDA certified organic farm and is a part of the 501c3 nonprofit of Snipes Farm and Education Center. It is a vibrant place to spend a summer with the activity and energy of a working farm with nature all around. Snipes Farm Day Camp has served children and youth for 15 years.

Farm Camp is a perfect fit for anyone preparing for or currently working in a career in education or social work seeking to gain experience in cultivating confidence, curiosity and compassion in the lives of young people. Staff share wisdom, energy, whimsy and hobbies with campers and also grow new skills through professional development and mentoring. All the nooks and crannies of the farm with creeks, gardens, the meadow, and orchard are amazing places for learning and discovery. Campers gain life skills as they tend a garden, care for animals and harvest berries, fresh veggies and herbs to make farm fresh recipes. Weekly themes, art, games and science bring the learning alive. Lasting friendships are made, and a special community is built together with staff, campers, and families through summer adventures on a farm.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Snipes Farm Day Camp runs for 8 weeks: June 19- August 11, 2023

A required staff training: June 12-16, 2023

All-hands Camp Put-Away (required): August 14 and 15

Part-time opportunities may be available

Garden and Nature Teacher Responsibilities:

- Plan and facilitate several daily 45-minute blocks of garden and environmental education activities for a group of 15-20 campers ages 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-2 or 13-15.

-Include in the program: garden planning, planting, tending and harvesting, botany, ecology, soil life, pollinators, habitat exploration, stewardship, biodiversity, cycles, adaptation, energy flow and seed-to-snack lessons

-Use hikes, games, role plays and scavenger hunts for hands-on learning in the garden, the woods, creek, meadow and farm campus.

-Lend support at arrival and dismissal and some lunch times with groups

· Maintain an environment of emotional and physical safety

· Help to maintain a pleasant, safe, and tidy campus

· Model compassion, curiosity, and enthusiasm!

Any of these skills or interests are essential:

- A love of the outdoors
- An interest in children's social, emotional, and educational development
- Social work/ special needs support
- Gardening experience
- Environmental education training or background

Work hours: M-F; 7:30am-4:00pm

REQUIRED

Must be over the age of 18

Two years or more of direct children's program instruction

Work references

Current PA Child Safety Clearances:

- Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance.
- Pennsylvania State Police Criminal History Clearance.

- Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Criminal History Clearance. (required for all employees and some volunteers)