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High School Community Service & Internships

Organization:

Natick Community Organic Farm

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Founded in 1975, The Natick Community Organic Farm is a nonprofit, certified-organic farm providing productive open space, farm products, and hands-on education for all ages, year-round.

Committed to farming methods that are ecologically healthy and sustainable, the Farm places special emphasis on service to youth through year-round classes, work-experience programs and volunteer opportunities for working the land.

Hours: The Farm is open from 9:00am – 5:00pm, Monday – Friday. We offer community service and senior internships September through early June.

The Farm also offers volunteer hours on the following weekends: Maple Magic Day (March) and Spring Spectacular (May). We welcome student volunteers during school vacation weeks, Monday-Friday.

Students may select their hours within the Farm's time frame. Occasionally, students are allowed to begin earlier in the day. All scheduling is finalized with the Volunteer Coordinator.

Be aware that Farm staff eat lunch every day from 12:30 – 1:30. Do not schedule work hours during that time.

Title and Job Duties:

Title: Farm Worker

Please be reminded that we are a working Farm. We have an expectation of good volunteer productivity and hard work. In the beginning, there will be a trial period where farmers will assess the skill level of all volunteers and assign them basic chores. As volunteers learn and grow, they will be given tasks of increasing responsibility.

Job Duties: Volunteer students assist with the day-to-day tasks involved in running an organic farm. Duties are highly dependent on the season. Farmers will put students to work doing whatever needs to get done that day; the work is highly variable. Most of the work takes place outdoors, in all seasons, and in all weather.

Potential Chores:

Field work: picking crops, mulching fields, weeding, cleaning, and more

Helping with wood and kindling

Greenhouse work

Transplanting seedlings

Sweeping barns, education center

Cleaning out stalls

Shoveling snow

Animal feeding

Collecting sap for maple syrup

Bottling maple syrup

Maintaining nature trails

Helping with composting

Job Requirements:

- Students may be asked to lift, bend, stoop and kneel, and may be asked to use small hand tools, rakes, shovels, etc.
- They must be able to take direction and work in an ever-changing environment.
- They must enjoy working outdoors, as most of the work will take place outdoors, in all weather.
- Weather appropriate clothing (cold, rain, heat), sturdy footwear, work gloves, and a water bottle are required.

How to Apply: Students must contact Christine Schell, Volunteer Coordinator, at Christine@natickfarm.org. You will be sent an application, and an interview time will be arranged. If prospective volunteers are unfamiliar with the Farm, we ask that they visit the Farm prior to contacting Christine Schell. The Farm is open dawn to dusk, 7 days a week.

Supervisors:

Intake: Christine Schell, Volunteer Coordinator, 508-907-6019

On-Site Supervisor: Casey Townsend, Assistant Farm Director, 508-655-2204

