

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT:
Farm-Based Learning Coordinator
RED HOOK FARMS
Brooklyn, NY



Job Title: Farm-Based Learning Coordinator
Reports to: Farm Education Manager
Type: Part-time, temporary
Hours: 28 hours/week
Schedule: Tuesdays-Fridays
Salary: \$22/hour
Duration: ASAP - November 21

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 FBL Coordinator leads our Farm-Based Learning (FBL) program, which welcomes weekly visits from local schools to learn about plants, food, and urban agriculture. For spring and fall, the Coordinator manages all back-end scheduling with schools as well as planning and prep for the visits. With the support of 2 Education Assistants, the Coordinator will co-lead inquiry-based experiential learning activities for elementary and middle school aged students on both farm sites. They will develop new and update existing curriculum. The Coordinator will be responsible for ongoing outreach to schools, follow up emails, as well as coordinating activities with our two Farm Managers. For Saturdays as well as the summer session, the Coordinator's time will be dedicated to the teen program: supporting the day-to-day activities as well as working with a subset of the teen farmers to train and support them in co-leading weekly camp group visits. Other tasks include light data entry, social media posts, and special event support. A small amount of time will be devoted to the upkeep of the FBL-dedicated beds on our two farm sites.

Responsibilities:

- Lead up to 6-9 school visits per week for children, k-8th grade;
- Prepare weekly lesson plans for children or teens, depending on the season;
- Manage email correspondence from schools, schedule visits, maintain the FBL



- calendar;
- Serve as mentor and group leader for teens 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;
 - Maintain education areas through regular weeding, planting, and other farm tasks;
 - 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:

- 2-3 years environmental education experience, preferably outdoors;
- 1-2 years experience with urban farming, gardening, or horticulture;
- Ready to work outside, in all types of weather;
- Good communicator, works well in a team;
- Adaptable, flexible, positive attitude;
- Commitment to social justice;
- Ability to work collaboratively with those from various racial, ethnic, religious, and socio-economic backgrounds.

Preferred:

- Knowledge of chicken and bee care;
- Social media savvy, particularly Instagram and Facebook;
- 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 apply@rhicenter.org. Please write "FBL Coordinator" in the subject line. Interviews will be scheduled as applications are received. No calls please.