About The Sylvia Center

Our mission at The Sylvia Center is to inspire young people and their families to establish independent, healthy eating habits — so that they may lead healthy and productive lives. Through our programs, participants learn what fresh food is, how delicious it tastes, and how to prepare nutritious meals on a daily basis. In our Learning Garden, outdoor kitchen on Katchkie Farm, and in local schools and community centers, we teach skills that inspire children to establish independent healthy eating habits. Learn more at www.sylviacenter.org

Summary

The Sylvia Center (TSC) at Katchkie Farm is seeking an 8-month, full-time seasonal Garden Manager and Educator for the 2018 growing season (March - October). Working in collaboration with the Director of Programs and the Program Coordinator, the Garden Manager and Educator will plan and maintain a half-acre Learning Garden. This individual will also develop, prepare for, and act as the lead instructor for the farm and garden component of our farm-to-table educational programs and assist with our other farm and community based culinary programs as needed. The Garden Manager will be responsible for the care of farm animals, managing garden employees, interns and volunteers, helping to conduct special on and off farm events and programs, and providing general operational and administrative support to the non-profit. The Garden Manager will report to and work closely with the Director of Programs. The work week is generally Monday through Friday. Weekend work days amount to 1 or 2 per month. On occasion, the Garden Manager may need to take care of farm chores on their day off.

Specific Responsibilities

- Teach educational garden programs that focus on the connection between fresh ingredients and the culinary arts, with an emphasis on food literacy, healthy eating, and the importance of consuming local, fresh, organic, seasonal produce. Participants range in age from preschool through adult, and garden learning groups will range in size from 5-20 individuals.
- Design, plan, and manage a large, highly diverse learning garden and manage the care of chickens. This includes ordering seeds and supplies, managing seeding schedule, planting, and crop rotation, maintaining tools and equipment (including small engines), greenhouse work, maintaining the animal area, and other related tasks.
- Do physically demanding farm work as well as challenging and creative program planning and office tasks.
- Assist with off-site, school, and community based culinary programs as needed.
- Manage and supervise a part-time garden assistant, garden interns, and garden volunteers.
- Be involved in all aspects of an organization that is working to create meaningful relationships between people and their food.
- Assist Director of Programs with site management, general operations, and support all activities of the non-profit as needed.

Required Qualifications

- Two full seasons of experience working on a small farm or an intensively managed vegetable garden.
- Degree or work experience in education, agriculture, natural sciences, environmental studies, horticulture, outdoor recreation, or related field.
- Strong passion for teaching and interest in the farm-to-table movement, systemic food issues, children’s health issues, and participating in culinary work.
- Experience working with children, ideally in an outdoor setting.
- A strong and cooperative work ethic and communication skills, a good sense of humor, and the desire to work as part of a close-knit team.
- Extremely resourceful and creative problem solver who works quickly to address challenges.
- Positive attitude, ambitious, motivated, organized, patient, flexible, conscientious, and responsible.
- Ability to work independently and efficiently on assigned projects, and take initiative on projects that arise.
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- Ability to rise to the occasion with a positive attitude when unexpected tasks need to be completed.
- Desire to be involved in all aspects of a small non-profit organization.
- Current CPR and First-Aid Certification and valid driver’s license.
- Ability to work long hours (including early mornings, late evenings, and weekends), lift up to 50 lbs, and perform physical, outdoor jobs in all weather.

**Compensation:** Hourly wage of $20 per hour. Healthy portions of farm produce and eggs, when available.

**To Apply:** Please send cover letter and résumé to Jenn So at jenn.so@sylviacenter.org.