Green River Preserve Educational Farm Manager

The mission of Green River Preserve is to inspire environmental stewards through a joyful connection to nature.

Job Description: As the Green River Preserve Farm Manager, you hold a position of great responsibility and importance. Professionalism, a strong work ethic, organizational skills, and demonstrated leadership skills are essential to the success of this role. Your warmth, enthusiasm, willingness to share knowledge, and sensitivity to the needs of each camper and staff contribute profoundly to the success of our program.

The purpose of the GRP Farm is to provide educational opportunities for our school groups and summer programs. Around1,000 campers and students visit the farm each year. You will be responsible for everyday activities on the farm, including but not limited to planting, harvesting, teaching, weeding, watering, and maintaining the farm. During the summer, you will supervise counselors, mentors, interns, and campers during their visits to the farm in addition to maintaining the facilities, property, and farm. During the off-season, October-March, you will prioritize projects to develop the farm and prepare for the next season.

Farm Program

- Maintain the farm to provide an educational learning experience for campers and staff from spring through fall for our KALE (Kids Agriculture Learning Experience) program.
- Manage and lead all farm maintenance and upkeep of the Heatherly property, back field garden, and orchard. Including but not limited to seeding, planting, and growing vegetables and maintaining farm animals.
- Care of tools and equipment used to grow, maintain, and care for the garden
- Management and feeding of camp animals: chickens, goats, pigs, etc
- Plant to provide produce for our Farm Feast each fall and Kitchen Salad Bar during programs
- Management of compost program
- Management of counselor & camper workers
- Lead farm mentor hikes & Group Learning Project Days
- Assist with grant applications and funding requirements
- Manage and maintain a diligent budget
- Other duties as assigned

KALE Program

- Plan and coordinate all KALE trips to the farm and classroom visits, serving as the main point of contact for teachers.
- Serve as primary instructor/facilitator for KALE program
- Recruit and coordinate KALE programming staff

General Duties

- Participate in staff training and be willing to take a leadership role
- Attend & conduct staff meetings
- Be a nurturing role model to all campers and staff
- Abide by and enforce all camp rules
- Serve in any capacity needed in the event of an emergency
- Be prompt to all camp functions
- Keep radio in good working order and properly charged
- Assist with chores before, during, and after camp sessions
- Assume other duties that may be assigned

Essential Functions & Qualifications

- Work in a team environment supporting outdoor environmental education.
- Function well in a community living environment with little personal space
- Able to work non-traditional hours befitting a residential summer camp
- Hike approximately five miles each day on varied terrain and steep inclines
- Work several days in a row, sometimes with little rest
- Be comfortable and work effectively in an outdoor or natural setting
- Demonstrate mature judgment in high-stress situations
- Maintain confidentiality when faced with sensitive issues
- Effectively communicate in both verbal and written communications
- Maintain good personal hygiene, health, and well-being without the assistance of others
- Be comfortable operating hand tools, chainsaws, tractors, and other equipment
- Skilled in general property maintenance and repair
- Minimum of 21+ years of age

Benefits

This is a salaried position ($40,000- $45,000+ DOE) that includes semi-private housing on camp, a generous benefits package, a flexible schedule during the non-programming season, and meals when guests are on camp.

The farm manager will be an active part of our summer camp community, participating in group programs such as activities, evening programs, and more, and will have the freedom to explore the beautiful 3,400-acre wildlife preserve the camp is located on. We are looking for motivated individuals who take initiative, have a strong work ethic, and are willing to grow in a tight camp community.

TO APPLY

This is a full-time, 12-month position beginning January 4, 2027. To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and list of three references to catherine@greenriverpreserve.org. For more information about the program, please visit www.greenriverpreserve.org