



Pitney Meadows Community Farm

Summer Education Internship

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Founded in 2016, Pitney Meadows Community Farm's mission is to celebrate and explore agricultural education, healthy food production and recreation. Located on 166 acres in the heart of the City of Saratoga Springs and preserved in perpetuity as a working farm, PMCF is a unique resource. We are committed to being good stewards of the land and serving the community that invested their own tax dollars to preserve the Farm as open space.

PMCF offers a broad array of opportunities to engage with the land and our community. More than 100 plots are available to individuals, families and organizations to grow their own produce in our Community Garden, supported by an on-site Community Garden Director. In our 11-acre agricultural production area, our CSA members can pick their own vegetables, learn about sustainable farming, taste and learn to cook with new varieties of vegetables, and volunteer to support farm production. Our farm store, open to visitors from dawn to dusk seven days a week, offers products from other local farms in addition to our own produce. An accessible trail system circles the farm, open to walkers, runners, bikers, and dogs on leashes. A planned Children's Garden, adjacent to the Community Garden and Children's Greenhouse, will create a learning and play environment geared to children and incorporating two small structures in which educational programs and events will be offered to the entire community.

The Farm strengthens the local food system through our Farm to School Program, which brings fresh vegetables to the cafeterias of five local schools. In addition, the Farm donates more than 20,000 pounds of produce annually to food pantries and other social service organizations in the region.

Our farm is alive with creativity and dedicated community engagement, offering a productive and joyful place for volunteers, employees and visitors. As we continue to grow and develop new programs, we aim to create community, change lives, and bring people together on one of Saratoga's most valuable community assets.

Internship Description:

This internship will focus on the emerging education initiatives taking place on the farm, utilizing methods such as experiential education, inquiry-based learning and nature-based experiences to connect our community to nature and agriculture. We are seeking an intern who will creatively help with the curation and organization of education materials, has a desire to



engage in community networks, and values the importance of hands-on environmental education.

Responsibilities:

- Work as an assistant to the newly hired Education Director.
- Help promote and host a diverse offering of educational activities on the farm for a variety of audiences including: families, school groups, citizen scientists, retirees and farmers.
- Collaborate with key community partners alongside the Education Director (i.e. public and private schools, the YMCA, food security organizations, etc.).
- Organize and oversee our library of education materials.
- Assist the Education Director with the design, set up, teaching and breakdown of educational programs on and offsite.
- Attend and actively engage in the monthly Education Committee meetings.
- Work with the Education Director to identify and develop a relevant project of interest over the course of the internship, and present final projects or findings at the Board Meeting on August 18th.

Qualifications:

- An undergraduate student enrolled in an applicable degree/major.
- Understanding and interest in the mission of Pitney Meadows Community Farm.
- Demonstrated interest in and knowledge of food production, regional agriculture, and community networks.
- Excellent interpersonal and writing communication skills.
- Some level of environmental education experience or coursework is desired.

Terms and Compensation:

This internship is a **10-week** position spanning from June 7th - August 13th (some flexibility on the start date is available). The intern is expected to work 25-30 hours per week, with the exact amount varying based on the projects agreed upon between the intern and director.

The intern will be compensated for their summer work with an hourly wage of \$13-15/hr (depending on experience level).

***COVID-19 note:** PMCF is actively listening and adopting our policies to abide by state and health officials' latest COVID-19 regulations. As a result, this position will be a combination of both in-person and remote work. While the intern is not required to reside in Saratoga Springs,



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reasonable driving distance to
person on the Farm (COVID-19

To apply: If you are interested in applying for the Summer Education Internship, please submit a cover letter and resume to the following email **by March 31st**: jobs@pitneymeadows.org

*Any questions regarding this position can be sent to: contact@pitneymeadows.org

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