

Farm Apprenticeship: Spring 2010

Application Deadline: February 15th

Applications accepted until positions are filled.

Apprenticeship Dates: April 6th – June 25th (opportunity to extend)

Work Week: Tuesday-Friday, 9-4

Compensation: Stipend of \$200/month (room and board not included)



Additional Benefits:

- Hands-on training in sustainable small-farm practices
- Classroom training in sustainable small-farm systems
- Work experience in sustainable agriculture and customer service
- Farm Produce
- Potential for school credit – check with your school

The Farm: Zenger Farm is a non-profit farm and wetland in outer southeast Portland, Oregon, dedicated to promoting sustainable food systems, environmental stewardship and local economic development through a working urban farm. The farm includes two acres of hand-scale annual and perennial crop production, laying hens, turkeys, bees and worms.

The Position: As a Farm Apprentice, you will participate in all aspects of small-farm production, growing annual crops from seed to harvest and caring for farm livestock. Apprentices will receive on-the-job training. Your education at Zenger Farm will be primarily hands-on, however, a few hours each month will also be dedicated to "classroom" instruction. Farm Apprentices will be an integral part of the Zenger Farm community, sharing work space and working alongside youth program participants and adult volunteers.

Responsibilities:

- Daily care of laying hens and turkeys
- Field Work: Seeding, planting, weeding, hoeing, watering, trellising, harvesting, carrying, hauling and packing farm produce for sale
- Compost maintenance
- Managing on-site Farm Stand
- General upkeep of tools, farm equipment, and farm site

Attributes of an Ideal Candidate:

- Interested in working outside and working hard
- Able to communicate effectively and openly with co-workers
- Flexible and positive!
- Ability to be self-directed
- Ability to work well with others

To Apply: please include the following...

- Completed application, (application is available on website separately, and below)
- Current Resume
- Contact information for two references, work-related if possible

Submit Application: By email or snail mail.

E-mail: sara@zengerfarm.org

Address: Zenger Farm, Attn: Sara Cogan, Farm Apprenticeship, 11741 SE Foster Rd. Portland, OR 97266

For More Information: Contact Sara Cogan, Farm Manager: (503)282-4245, or sara@zengerfarm.org.

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Current Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Applying for Session(s): *Apprentices have the option to stay for one, two or three sessions, mark all that apply.*

Spring: April 6th-June 25th

Summer: June 1st-August 27th

Fall: August 3rd-October 29th

Interview Availability: In person at Zenger Farm Phone (**only** if you are out of the area)

Are you at least 18 years old? Yes No

Questions: *(Feel free to use additional space if necessary)*

1. Why do you want to be a Farm Apprentice at Zenger Farm?

2. Describe past work or life experience that has prepared you for this apprenticeship.

3. Describe your experience with, or interest in, sustainable farming/gardening?

4. Are you comfortable with demanding physical labor? Please describe past experiences.

5. Describe your style of communication when working with a group.

6. How do you prefer to receive constructive feedback?

7. What do you hope to gain from this apprenticeship?