

Farm Apprenticeship: Summer 2010

Application Deadline: April 2nd

Applications accepted until positions are filled.



Apprenticeship Dates: June 1st – August 27th

Work Week: Sunday, 7:30-3; Monday-Wednesday, 8-3

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, caring for farm livestock, and selling produce at market. 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
- Managing Zenger Farm stand at the Lents International Farmers Market
- Compost maintenance
- General upkeep of tools, farm equipment, and farm site

Attributes of an Ideal Candidate:

- Able to communicate effectively and openly with co-workers
- A flexible and positive attitude
- Ability to be self-directed
- Ability to work well with others
- Interested in working outside and working hard
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs
- Current driver's license and ability to drive a medium-sized manual-shift pick-up

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

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

