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Farm Apprenticeship in Asheville, NC

at Ivy Creek Family Farm

Ivy Creek Family Farm announces openings for full-season paid apprentices and summer internships on our farm. Our farm apprentices learn about organic farming in a beautiful setting 25 minutes north of Asheville, NC. Apprentices are an integral part of all farm activities, including greenhouse production, shiitake management, planting, field cultivation and weeding, washing veggies, harvesting, selling, and packaging CSA shares. They work with us in the field and on the farm, five full days a week. Tasks on the farm are long and often tedious. Our goal is to provide apprentices with the experience and knowledge they need to start their own farming operation. Apprentices learn through working. We also share information about the planning we do to make our farm efficient and profitable, including seed calculation, basic accounting, equipment lists, cultivation tips, direct marketing, and more. We believe in fostering teamwork and community. Ivy Creek Family Farm and our apprentices and interns participate in CRAFT and have the opportunity to visit many other area farms, get to know other farm apprentices, and learn through the CRAFT workshop series.

Full Season, Paid Apprenticeships

Our *Paid Apprentices* are recent graduates, community members, and aspiring organic farmers who work on the farm from early March to mid November. Full season apprentices live in a renovated, 3-bedroom barn apartment on Ivy Creek Family Farm, eat lunch provided by the farm on work days, receive veggie seconds and food staples for meals, and get a \$400 a month stipend. In the 2012 season, we have three apprenticeships available. We ask that apprentices take leadership roles and have previous experience with farming or serious gardening. Apprentices work Monday-Friday and an occasional Saturday selling with us at market.

Interns

Interns work on the farm from mid May to the end of the summer five days a week. The interns live in a renovated barn apartment, eat lunch provided by the farm on work-days, receive veggie seconds for meals, and get a \$200 monthly stipend. In the 2012 season, we have one internship available.

How to Apply

Send us a cover letter outlining your interest in working on our farm, your strengths and goals, and your farming experience. Include your resume and two references and mail or email the information to Anna and Paul Littman (390 North Fork Rd, Barnardsville, NC 28709 or wncfarm@gmail.com) by January 15th. Email questions.

Requirements

We ask that all applicants have experience in farming or sustainable agriculture, have the ability to work consistently on repetitive tasks, be in good physical and mental shape, and enjoy physical labor. We hope that all interns will be able to have fun and stay focused while working hard.

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