



## VISITOR PROGRAMS EDUCATOR

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### About Wolfe's Neck Center

Wolfe's Neck Center for Agriculture & the Environment (WNC) seeks to transform our relationship with farming and food for a healthier planet. On our 626 acres of diverse ecosystems, we farm, conduct agricultural research on soils and climate change, and invite visitors to engage with the food system and the role we all can play in building a more just and sustainable future. The farm is a beautiful and inspiring place for visitors of all ages to learn and play. We offer a diversity of ways for visitors to engage with this place, including numerous education programs, summer camp, a farm Store & Café, and our beautiful campground.

### Our Community & Visitor Farm Programs

WNC's Community & Visitor Programs connect thousands of visitors of all ages with our farm and sustainable agriculture each year. Educators will play a role in both formal and informal education, with offerings ranging from sensory explorations in the barn with toddlers to leading a tour of our milking parlor for a group of seniors. These programs are both fee-based, pre-registered programs, as well as spontaneous barn tours and talks.

### What Are Visitor Programs Educators?

Our Visitor Programs Educators are the face of WNC. Educators help engage visitors in formal and informal programs across the campus to increase the visitor experience, while helping keep the public and our livestock safe and happy. Educators lead programs with a wide range of audiences to facilitate a deeper connection to our unique farm. Visitor Programs Educators provide farm guests with accurate information about our history, agricultural operations, natural ecosystems, community events, and various programs. This part time position shifts seasonally:

- **Late May-June:** Programs are mostly offered on weekends for approximately 10-15 hours per week, in addition to the initial weeklong orientation & training.
- **June 21-September 20:** Peak season – Wolfe's Neck offers a variety of programs daily, including weekends, and occasional evenings, approx. 30-40 hours a week.
- **September 21-October 31:** Weekend Programming for 'Fall on the Farm' – 15-20 hours a week primarily on weekends.

### What We're Looking For

With over 30,000 visitors each year, Farm Educators connect people to farming and our mission. WNC is looking for educators who are passionate about education with a desire to introduce people of all ages to the farm, our livestock, and the unique ocean ecosystems the farm rests upon. Farm Educators operate multiple programs on any given day, often without direct support and supervision, so candidates must be self-motivated, self-sufficient and reliable. As with any educational program, situations can change quickly (from weather, to animal issues, etc.) so educators must be confident, dynamic, and not easily flustered with change. Prior farm, livestock, and fruit & vegetable knowledge is not required, but candidates must be excited about the opportunities to become well versed in our different practices and overall mission.

### Candidates should have the following qualifications and be able to:

- Degree, some higher education, and/or experience equivalent in environmental education, childhood education/development, agriculture, food systems, or related fields
- Assist with livestock, egg collecting, cow/goat milking, hay and manure cleanup, leading livestock on leads, etc.
- Motivation to help develop existing programmatic areas as well as creating new educational programs and opportunities
- Desire to be outside in a variety of weather, interact with livestock, and introduce thousands of people to small-scale agriculture and Wolfe's Neck Center
- Ability to be trained to safely operate a tractor pulling a wagon (must be 21+ to operate a tractor under our insurance)

- Ability to efficiently and graciously manage program registration, walk-on participants, questions from the general public, while also helping to collect program data
- Assist in managing volunteers – both one off individuals and groups, and educational docents
- Experience with Microsoft Office and Excel in order to track data, metrics, and create content where applicable

## **To Apply**

Please submit our online [Seasonal Employment Application](#) along with your resume and a cover letter explaining why you'd be a fantastic Community & Visitor Educator. If you can't upload your cover letter and resume with the Seasonal Employment Application, you can email them to our Community & Visitor Programs Manager at [alombardi@wolfesneck.org](mailto:alombardi@wolfesneck.org) with "Visitor Programs Educator" in the subject line. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the positions are filled.