



## Livestock Educator

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### About Our Organization

Wolfe's Neck Center for Agriculture & the Environment is on a mission to transform our relationship with farming and food for a healthier planet. We are a nonprofit education and research center situated on 626 acres of farmland, forest, and coast in Freeport, Maine. Our campus consists of an organic dairy program, livestock barns, diversified fruit and vegetable production, an oceanfront campground, and miles of wooded hiking trails. As a working farm located within a unique mix of ecosystems, we offer a remarkable and inspiring place for visitors of all ages to learn and play. Our year-round programs include farmer training, field trips, workshops, weekend events, and more.

### Farm Camp

Farm Camp is a summer day camp program for children ages 4-14. Campers engage in hands-on learning about sustainable agriculture and the environment while taking care of livestock, tending our gardens, and exploring nearby ecosystems. Each year, we host hundreds of campers from the local community and out of state. The Farm Camp season runs from June 28 - August 27, 2021. This includes one week of staff training (June 21 - 25) and nine weeks of camp (June 28 - August 27). As this is a day camp program, each week runs Monday through Friday.

### Role & Responsibilities

The Livestock Educator oversees our small-animal livestock while planning and leading educational activities for campers. This role works closely with our year-round farming staff to plan activities that 1) fulfill the needs of our working farm, and 2) provide meaningful opportunities for campers to engage with farming and food systems. The Livestock Educator creates age-appropriate activities to ensure that all campers have an enriching, fun, and safe experience. Past activities have included: milking our dairy goat, making felted soap, trimming sheep hooves, and transporting chickens from barn to pasture. Specifically, the Livestock Educator is responsible for the following tasks:

- Provide care for livestock including goats, sheep, chickens, and pigs
- Develop curriculum and lead activities that promote hands-on engagement with farming and food systems
- Train other camp staff to independently lead farm chores with their groups
- Cultivate a supportive, respectful, and safe learning environment for campers and staff
- Collaborate with year-round farming staff and seasonal camp staff to ensure best practices in livestock care

### Qualifications

Our ideal candidate loves working with youth, has experience with agriculture (including livestock), and is excited to have a job that brings kids and farming together. The Livestock Coordinator must have a keen eye towards safety and understand how to balance camper needs while working around farm equipment and livestock. We're looking for someone who takes initiative, enjoys being part of a team, and appreciates opportunities to help out. Most importantly, we're looking for someone who is hard-working, enthusiastic, and compassionate (to kiddos, coworkers, and our livestock). Specifically, we're looking for the following skills and qualifications:

- Experience working with children or youth, especially in an experiential or outdoor setting
- Experience with and/or knowledge of livestock, sustainable agriculture, farming, gardening, or food systems
- Ability to develop, plan, and implement livestock-focused activities that are age-appropriate, engaging, and fun
- Ability to manage risk and exercise judgment on a working farm
- Ability to work outside in a variety of environments and weather (including heat, humidity, and rain)
- Strong leadership and communication skills, including managing groups of children and teaching peers
- Current First Aid & CPR certification required (or willingness to obtain before start date)
- Valid driver's license. Must be 21 or older in order to operate farm vehicles, including tractor

## Terms of Employment

This is a full-time, seasonal position. Typical working hours are Monday through Friday, from 9am – 5:30pm, though occasional evening hours may be required. Documentation establishing your right to work in the United States is required along with the completion of a successful background check. Must have a valid driver's license and clean driving record. Must be 21 or older in order to operate farm vehicles, including tractor. Compensation includes: hourly wage of \$13.00 (paid biweekly); potential for on-site housing; free rentals for bikes, kayaks, and canoes; discounted oceanfront camping (based on availability); 25% discount on farm products (including meat, eggs, and seasonal produce); 25% discount in the Farm Café and Farm Store.

## To Apply

Please submit an [Online Application](#) along with your cover letter and resume. For more details about our Farm Camp programs, please visit our [website](#). If you have any questions about the application process, please contact Molly Cyr, Farm Camp Manager: [mcyr@wolfesneck.org](mailto:mcyr@wolfesneck.org). Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until we fill the position.

Wolfe's Neck Center for Agriculture & the Environment does not discriminate on the basis of any protected category. Applicants are selected based on their ability to perform the essential functions of the job, prior related work experience, and references from previous employers.