



Farmward Bound 1 Counselor

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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.

Farm Camp

Farm Camp is a summer day camp program for children ages 4-16. 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 20 - August 25, 2023. As a Farmward Bound 1 Leader, you will serve as a mentor and coach as teens are introduced to leadership competencies. Programs will take a deeper dive into farming, agriculture & environmental education at WNC while also focusing on group building, leadership & communication skills. To be effective, counselors must have a genuine interest in building their capacity as a positive role model through teaching applicable skills & practices.

Role & Responsibilities

Farmward Bound 1 Counselors will be responsible for the following:

- Take primary responsibility for the following group: Farmward Bound 1 (ages 12-13)
- Co-lead a 1-night FWB 1 overnight each week, on WNC property
- Lead farm-based educational activities, providing appropriate structure and supervision
- Introduce leadership competencies including listening, communication, team building, & low-impact camping
- Prepare & manage food and gear for overnight offerings, & keep storage spaces organized and clean
- Role model healthy living, positive energy, clear communication, and good stewardship for the environment
- Actively engage with campers during lessons, recreation, and mealtimes
- Create and lead activities based on interests and experiences
- Cultivate a supportive, respectful, and safe learning environment for youth, ensuring an exciting experience

Qualifications

- Related experience working with young teens, especially in an experiential or outdoor setting
- Substantial camping experience
- Experience with and/or knowledge of sustainable agriculture, farming, gardening, livestock, or culinary arts
- Ability to create, plan, and lead summer camp activities that are age-appropriate, engaging, and fun
- Ability to manage risk and exercise judgment on a working farm, and adapt on the fly with a keen eye for safety
- Ability to demonstrate responsible and safe decision-making skills in all aspects of outdoor camp programming
- Ability to work outside in a variety of environments and weather (including heat, humidity, and rain)
- Wilderness First Aid & CPR; *Wilderness First Responder Certification preferred*

Terms of Employment

This is a full-time, seasonal position, running from June 20 – August 25, with 1.5 weeks for staff training (June 7-9 & June 12 – 16). A commitment to the entire camp & training season is required. Working hours are as follows:

- Monday – Wednesday 8am – 4:30pm
- Thursday – Friday: one-night overnight

Documentation establishing your right to work in the United States is required along with the completion of a successful background check. Compensation includes: a stipend of \$1,518 – 1,564 per pay period, to be paid on a bi-weekly basis; potential for low-cost on-site housing; free rentals for bikes, kayaks, and canoes (dependent on availability); discounted oceanfront camping (dependent on availability); 25% discount in the Farm Café and Farm Store.

To Apply

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

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.