



Arthur Morgan School in Celo, NC is seeking a full-time Farm Intern for the spring and summer of 2021!

The Farm: The Arthur Morgan School (AMS) is a unique boarding and day school for middle schoolers in grades 7-9. The AMS Farm serves as both an experiential learning environment and food production space for the students and staff of the school. Students and staff actively engage with the farm, whether they are measuring a plant's growth for class, helping with farm work, or cooking a nourishing meal full of farm produce for the school. We grow over 100 varieties of vegetables, herbs and fruits using low-input and organic methods across an acre of land. Across a few more acres, we care for a variety of livestock including laying hens, turkeys, dairy cows, and the occasional pig or sheep. To help us make the most of our season, we have a passive solar greenhouse, an earth-sheltered greenhouse and 60 foot high tunnel.

The Team: The farm crew for the 2021 season will consist of the Farm Coordinator, one or two farm interns, staff volunteers, and students while school is in session.

Time Frame: Mid-April/Beginning of May through the end of August. There is some amount of flexibility here, please reach out even if this timeframe doesn't exactly fit.

Work Hours: The internship consists of 30 hours of labor a week, 6hr/day Monday-Friday. There are occasional weekend duties when the farm coordinator is out of town. Interns can expect to work with the Farm Coordinator, AMS students, staff, and independently.

Responsibilities:

- Daily chores with the livestock
- Greenhouse work, prepping beds, weeding, and transplanting
- High Tunnel management, irrigating and trellising
- Harvesting and packing produce for school use or food bank donation
- Preserving produce via canning and freezing for the off-season
- Upkeep of farm grounds

Qualifications: Arthur Morgan School is looking for individuals who are self-motivated, have great attention to detail and are eager to work and learn. Experience gardening or farming is not necessary but is a great benefit. Interns should be excited to live in community, sharing space and meals with both adults and young people. The ability to lift 50 lbs and comfort with daily physical in all weather conditions is necessary. We expect open communication, lots of questions, and a positive attitude. Interns should have an interest in sustainable agriculture and good food! Applicants should be able to pass a background check. No pets, please.

Compensation:

- \$50/week stipend paid every two weeks
- Rustic housing. Housing options vary from rustic cabins to a room in a house shared with other staff members. Rustic spaces have composting toilets as well as easy access to school bathrooms and hot showers, as well as internet in the office. All are furnished.
- Partial board. While school is in session, 1-2 meals a day are provided through the school's kitchen. Leftovers in the fridge are almost always available. They have access to abundant garden produce and eggs for free, as well as a fully stocked organic kitchen from which they may buy ingredients in any amount at bulk prices.
- Learning and connecting opportunities. Interns are encouraged to spend time working at other farms in the neighborhood to build community and get a sense of the diversity of farming methods being practiced here. Those farms often have interns/apprentices to connect with as well.
- Access to a deep freezer and canning equipment for preserving produce.
- Ability to take on more responsibility for certain aspects of the farm as the season progresses based on interest and abilities.
- Opportunity to assist teaching a course to 2-4 AMS students focusing on the farm. Interns are welcome to participate in the life of the school as much or as little as they wish.

TO APPLY: When you are ready to apply, please send a letter of interest and a resume to the farm coordinator, Federica. Your application should include the following information:

- Past work experience and Farming Goals
- Explanation of why you are interested in working on the Arthur Morgan School Farm
- Explanation of your qualifications for this position
- 3 work references (farm references are a plus)

APPLICATION TIMELINE: We will accept applications on a rolling basis until the position(s) is filled. If applicants are local, we would prefer an outdoor, physically-distanced, in-person interview on the farm.

For more information or to apply, please contact:

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