



ADDED VALUE

Job Announcement Farm Education Intern

About Added Value

Added Value's mission is to promote the sustainable development of Red Hook by nurturing a new generation of youth leaders. We work towards this goal by creating opportunities for South Brooklyn's youth to expand their knowledge base, develop new skills and positively engage with their community through the operation of a socially responsible urban farming enterprise.

In our first Four years Added Value has trained more than 60 young people, while founding the Red Hook Farmers' Market and CSA and growing a local food system. In addition to our core urban agriculture activities Added Value has three programmatic components: Herban Solutions (our market gardening business), Digital Horizons (our media literacy and multi-media initiative), and Project R.E.A.L Improvement (our environmental justice projects). Youth participants work seventeen hours each week in our gardens, at market and on the computers. Youth are nurturing plants, selling produce and building our website. For their efforts youth participants receive a generous stipend while gaining the skills that will help them build a new economy.

Working in conjunction with the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, Heifer International, and Cornell Cooperative Extension, Added Value and local project partners are transforming an under-utilized neighborhood park into Red Hook Community Farm. This vibrant 2.5 Acre Farm, located within walking distance of four public schools, the library, and our local seniors' center, is designed to be a place where young and old can work and learn together as the sow seeds, hoe weeds, and harvest their bounty for personal consumption, donation or sale at our Markets.

Additionally, Added Value has begun to develop and provide on-farm educational programming in partnership with our local elementary schools. Through farm-based lessons, local first and second grade classes employ hand-on observation skills, cooperative learning, and gardening techniques to learn about food, farms and plants. Throughout the course of the spring, students deepen their knowledge about the origins of their food and the biology of plants, as well as participate in various farm tasks from planting seeds to harvesting vegetables.

Job Description:

The Farm Education Intern will support the farm-based educational activities held weekly for local first and second grade classes on the Red Hook Community Farm. Working closely with the Community Education Coordinator, the Intern will take part in the preparation and delivery of farm-based programming. He/she will work directly with the same students each week, for some combination, or all of the four weekly classes held on the farm (morning and afternoon sessions are held on both Tuesdays and Wednesdays).

Responsibilities will include:

- Work directly with elementary school children on the farm delivering lessons on the cycles and systems of farm, plants, seasons and compost
- Bring positive energy to the work
- Participate in preparation and clean-up of materials and site
- Participate in program evaluation
- Dependable attendance
- Support on-site community meetings and celebrations

Minimum Qualifications

- Willingness to learn about nutrition, farming, food and communication
- Experience working with elementary school aged children
- Bi-lingual (Spanish) preferred
- Self motivated and ability to work within a fluid environment

Please send resume and cover letter to Caroline Loomis, Community Education Coordinator (cloomis@added-value.org) by email, or to the following address:

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