

Job Announcement: Urban Farm Internship Applications due March 12th 9am

About Added Value

Added Value's mission is to promote the sustainable development of Red Hook Brooklyn, 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 six years Added Value has trained more than 85 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 runs farm based learning programs for more than 250 elementary school students each week.

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 a place where young and old work and learn together as they sow, weed, and harvest for personal consumption, donation or sale at our Markets. The Farm currently supplies four local restaurants with a variety of produce and there is demonstrated potential for significant growth in this area.

Job Description:

The Red Hook Community Farm is seeking several interns for the 2007 growing season. Interns will work with farm staff, program staff, and youth leaders to grow food for sale and donation. Interns may be called on to support educational activities, community events and volunteer activities at the Red Hook Community Farm. While the internships are task based and may require long hours, they are generally two days a week and average 8-12 hours a week. Please send resume and cover letter to Ian Marvy, Executive Director, by email (imarvy@added-value.org) or to 305 Van Brunt Street, Brooklyn NY 11231.

Responsibilities will include:

- Greenhouse work, transplanting, cultivation, harvesting
- Helping to run our farmers' markets
- Working with volunteers and youth, and participation in farm staff meetings
- Dependable attendance

Other activities may include: Helping with CSA distribution, market outreach and community events

Minimum Requirements We are seeking motivated, responsible individuals with a keen interest in farming. Other important traits include good communication skills, curiosity, commitment to positive social change, ability to work with people of all ages, ability to work long hours in all weather at physical jobs, and the ability to take initiative. Prior experience on a farm is a plus but not a pre-requisite. Internship opportunities include Full Season (April-Nov), Spring (April-June), Summer (June-Aug), or Fall Semester.

In recognition of the strength of poly-cultural environment and in service of our mission Added Value will support the growth and development of all employees and prospective employees, youth participants and our broader community without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, or any other basis prohibited by applicable law.