

Stony Kill Foundation

Environmental Education/Farm Interns

About Stony Kill Foundation

Stony Kill Foundation oversees the daily operations and community programming at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) owned Stony Kill Farm Environmental Education Center in Dutchess County, NY. Our mission is to educate the public and cultivate environmental stewardship through interpretation of the rich historical, environmental and agricultural heritage of Stony Kill Farm. Over 19,000 people visit the 1000-acre farm each year, participating in our signature environmental education programs, growing fruits and veggies in the community garden, hiking the trails, and enjoying the outdoors. The beautiful Stony Kill Farm is a place where people from all walks of life can slow down, admire the scenery, and connect with the environment.

We are hiring four Naturalist Interns (paid) to join our energetic education team at the farm. Summer Interns contribute to the planning, preparation, and delivery of our Summer Explorers Camp program. These 2 – 3 month positions will begin in May/June 2023 and are well suited for those who enjoy the outdoors and have a talent for teaching and inspiring curiosity in others!

Responsibilities include:

- Lead environmental and agricultural activities and lessons for the 8-week Summer Explorers Camp program.
- Assist with Summer Explorers Camp planning and preparation which will include research, creating daily activities and themes, and compiling materials.
- Attend a week-long training session for camp.
- Run activities for birthday parties, scout events, and tours at the farm.
- Assist with farm tasks including feeding animals, mucking barn, restocking feed, organizing barn areas, general cleanup, moving hay bales and equipment, etc.

Desired Qualifications:

- Background in teaching, environmental sciences, or related.
- Enthusiasm to learn, explore, and teach!
- CPR/First Aid certification a plus.
- Experience with performance/virtual field trips/social media a plus.

Additional Details:

- Pay rate: \$15.00/hour for 37.5 hours/week
- Must have own transportation.
- Housing not provided.

COVID-19 & Vaccination Considerations:

Stony Kill Foundation takes our responsibility to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 very seriously. In-person programming conducted at Stony Kill during the pandemic follows guidelines set by New York State and the Centers for Disease Control to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Staff are required to abide by mask wearing and social distancing guidelines and become vaccinated for COVID-19. Applicants will be expected to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination prior to their start date.

Application Instructions:

Please email your cover letter, resume (w/ relevant experience and coursework), contact information (email, phone, and best time to call), and 3 references to Stacey at foundation@stonykill.org or send by mail to Stony Kill Foundation, 79 Farmstead Ln, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590.

Stony Kill Foundation is committed to equal opportunity employment, celebrating inclusion and diverse talent. Environmental Education Intern Program is supported by the Environmental Protection Fund administered by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.