



Stony Kill Foundation

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Weekend Livestock Caretaker – Part-Time

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 connect the public to nature, sustainable farming, and local history. Our hands-on programs provide environmental education through the lens of agriculture. Over 19,000 people visit the 1000-acre farm each year, participating in our signature environmental education programs, visiting our livestock in the barn, growing fruits and veggies in the community garden, hiking the trails, and enjoying the outdoors. Stony Kill Farm is a place where people from all walks of life can slow down, admire the scenery, and connect with the environment.

Position Description

We are hiring a weekend Livestock Caretaker to join our team at Stony Kill Farm. The Livestock Caretaker is responsible for the daily care, health, and welfare of all farm animals. This position plays a critical role in maintaining a clean, safe, and functional environment for the animals and visitors. The caretaker will assist with routine and emergency health care, feeding, and the setup and maintenance of animal facilities and fencing.

Responsibilities Include:

- Feed and water livestock daily according to schedule and nutritional needs.
- Keep barn, pens, and surrounding areas clean, presentable, and safe at all times. Clean specified animal pens each week.
- Perform daily visual assessments of animal health and behavior.
- Assist with annual vaccinations, deworming, and routine health treatments.
- Assist with the setup and breakdown of portable rotational fencing systems if needed.
- Pick up feed and other livestock-related supplies as needed.
- Monitor and report repair needs in barns, fencing, and pastures.
- Assist in manure sales, including collection and pick-up coordination.
- Participate on Livestock Committee.

Qualifications:

- Experience working with livestock, including sheep, poultry, and other farm animals.
- Ability to recognize signs of illness and understand basic animal care practices.
- Physically able to lift 50 lbs, work outdoors in various weather conditions, and perform manual labor.
- Strong attention to detail, reliability, and ability to work independently.
- Willingness to learn and take direction from supervisors and veterinary professionals.

- Valid driver's license required (for supply runs)
- Experience driving tractors a plus

Additional Details

- Pay rate: \$16.50/hour for 4-6 hours/week
- Must have own transportation.

COVID-19 & Vaccination Considerations

The Stony Kill Foundation takes our responsibility to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 very seriously. Stony Kill Foundation follows guidelines set by New York State and the Centers for Disease Control to reduce the spread of 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 resume, contact information (email, phone, and best time to call), and 3 references to Stacey Lynch Adnams at stacey@stonykill.org or send by mail to Stony Kill Foundation, 79 Farmstead Ln, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590.

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