

Pond Hill Farm Vineyard Assistant

Pond Hill Farm is a northern Michigan agricultural tourism destination that started as a vegetable farm in 1995. It has since become a unique community ecosystem by adding an expansive canned goods product line, a full service lunch café, a winery with seven acres of vineyards, and a brewery. This has created an environment that attracts tens of thousands of customers each year who come from all around the country to enjoy the experience.

We are accepting applications for a Vineyard Assistant to assist with maintenance and development of vineyard plantings. Interested applicants, please send a cover letter, resume, and three references to jobs@pondhill.com

Responsibilities

- Execute the vineyard management plan and assist with maintaining related records
- Daily set-up of equipment
- Perform daily and seasonal vineyard maintenance - prune and train vines, trellis maintenance, pounding and checking posts, canopy management, fertilizing and spraying, bird netting, testing fruit chemistry
- Weed control and grass mowing
- Predator control and trap maintenance
- Maintain vineyard tools, farm equipment and infrastructure e.g. trellising
- Lead organization of work for harvest days
- Assist with care U-pick small fruit crops and vegetable production on the farm
- Work along side and/or mentor interns during periods of additional labor need

Required Qualifications

- One year of landscaping, vineyard, orchard, permaculture or farm production labor
- Experience in construction, heavy equipment, tractor operation, small motorized equipment, small engine repair, equipment and tool preventative maintenance
- Valid MI driver's license and reliable transportation
- Punctual and work schedule flexibility
- Must be able and willing to work in variable conditions (i.e. hot to cold, rain, snow, wind)
- Must be able to lift 50lbs or more
- Ability to self-motivate and stay on task while working independently or as a team

Preferred Qualifications

- Previous Vineyard/Farm/Management experience
- Possesses current MI Pesticide/Herbicide Applicators License
- Winemaking/Brewing/Fermentation experience

Compensation and Benefits

- **Schedule:** Full-time seasonal 40 hours per week/5 days per week; (weekdays, weekends, holidays, daytime and some evenings, including early mornings)
- **Pay:** \$11.50 - \$14.00 hourly rate dependent on experience
- **Discounts:** Available for café and farm market purchases
- **Perks:** Access to produce on the farm when in season