Prairie Farm Corps: Sustainable Agriculture Supervisor

Take your growing skills to the next level!

Work with talented and experienced young farmers ages 16-22

Behind the scenes look at a thriving farm business!

Supportive work culture and beautiful farm environment!

For the last 12 years Prairie Farm Corps, located at Prairie Crossing Farm in Grayslake Illinois, has mentored over 150 racially and economically diverse Lake County youth in sustainable farming. We are looking for someone to supervise 5 returning students in running our certified organic plant sale and Libertyville Farmer’s Market Stand. Together these two market channels earned more than $60k in 2020.

Students leave our program having gained deep and varied experience growing sustainable food, running a successful farm business and increased self-knowledge. Through daily team meetings and compassionate performance reviews, we reflect upon insights in the fields about soil health, crops, weeds and pests; how these insights related to larger themes such as climate change, food insecurity and water protection; and identify our own personal strengths and areas of growth, so that we might play a role in addressing them.

Job Duties

- Supervise crews of 5 16-22 year olds in all aspects of organic production on a 2 acre market farm and organic plant sale including greenhouse seeding, field preparation, transplanting, directing seeding in fields, weeding, irrigation, harvest, post-harvest handling, direct sales at Libertyville market and organic plant sale and finding other sales, donation or value added channels for surplus
- Keep accurate records for organic certification, youth development reports and food safety
- Facilitate daily team meetings and bimonthly job performance reviews
- Report directly to Program Director on student progress towards program goals
The Ideal Candidate

- Supervisory experience
- Strong communication skills and flexibility
- Farming experience important, but more important a willingness to support and bolster our established growing methods
- Passion for local food, ecological resilience, and youth development
- Love of meaningful hard-work, organization and attention to detail; joyful
- Able to lift 50lbs and perform farm labor in a heat, humidity, light rain, cold, mud with mosquitos present
- Valid Driver’s license

Schedule:

- April-May
  - Tues-Saturdays 32-35 hours a week (some flexibility)
- Jun - October 32-35 hours a week
  - Monday - Wednesday 7 am - 3pm
  - Market Thursday 5am - 3pm
  - Occasional short weekend hours for watering and irrigation

Benefits:

- $15 - 17.50 based on experience
- Free organic produce
- On-farm housing available (with COVID considerations)

Interested Candidates: Please send resume and cover letter to Eric Carlberg by March 5th eric@libertyprairie.org. People of Color strongly encouraged to apply.

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The Prairie Farm Corps is a program of Liberty Prairie Foundation. Located on beautiful Prairie Crossing Farm in Grayslake Illinois, Liberty Prairie Foundation educates and inspires
people to value healthy food, healthy soils and healthy communities through experiences on our farm.