

COMMON GROUND

COMMON GROUND FARM CAMP

At Farm Camp, kids learn through collaboration, exploration, imagination, and discovery. Children engage directly with farmland and the natural world and make their own culinary, scientific, and artistic creations with their own hands. Campers spend time in the garden, at the pond, in the field, in the barn, and along our nature trails. Kids develop new skills, make new friends, and grow an appreciation for the beauty and complexity of the natural environment within which we live.

Farm Camp runs from 9am to 3pm Monday through Friday, July 1-August 23 (no camp July 4) at Stony Kill Farm, 79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls, NY.

Our camp instructors develop plans for the morning sessions based on the weekly themes, using a variety of methods for exploration. Our campers dig into each week's program through direct engagement, scaffolded to their age level. We harvest, we explore, we make art, we experiment, we move our bodies, we play games, and we get really dirty!

In the afternoons we offer Campers' Choice, where children will have less structured time to play games, craft their own creations, and explore the natural world. Campers will be given the choice to move between different activities offered by the instructors and counselors. The activities available will have new choices every day!

This year, Farm Camp is open to children ages 4 to 9 in July and 4 to 12 in August. Children will be grouped according to age: Carrots (4-5 year olds), Tomatoes (6-7 year olds), Broccoli (8-9 year olds) and Zucchini (10-12 year olds).

Camp Counselor Job Description

Counselors support campers in all of their daily needs, from helping them feel comfortable at drop off, to making sure they stay hydrated throughout the day, to supporting and encouraging budding friendships, to helping kids get their things together at the end of the day.

Responsibilities include:

- Offering start and end of day activities for campers as they arrive and are picked up from camp, and activities for during the lunch hour
- Managing camper's belongings

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- Ensuring that campers' needs are met, including managing bathroom and water breaks, helping campers with snacks and meals, applying sunscreen and bug repellent, and helping to resolve minor conflicts between campers
- Monitoring the safety of campers including sign in/sign out process, remaining aware of campers' locations, assisting campers with safely crossing the farm road and following safety practices on the farm
- Assist instructors in daily activities, including making sure names are on projects, distributing supplies, and assisting campers in completing projects
- Assist in opening/closing responsibilities for both their own group and the camp as a whole (cleaning up, putting away supplies, taking out garbage, etc) as needed or as assigned
- Participate in weekly staff meetings

Candidates must have experience working with or being with children, must be organized and energetic, and be able to engage with children.

This position is 36 hours a week on-site, with the option of additional hours during before and after care.

This is a 36 hour to full time, seasonal, paid position for the weeks of July 1 through August 23 plus up to an additional three days of training the week of June 24-28, at \$15 per hour.

To apply, send a cover letter, a resume, and 3 references to Renae Essinger at education@commongroundfarm.org with the title that you are most interested in as the subject.