



## SHARPE RESERVATION FARM STAFF

The Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit youth development organization, has provided free summer experiences to more than 1.8 million New York City children from low-income communities since 1877. Despite the challenges presented by COVID-19, The Fund continues to provide safe, fun, engaging and enriching experiences for New York City youth to keep the magic of summer alive through virtual and outdoor programs. Fresh Air children also participate in year-round leadership and educational programs. For more information, visit [www.FreshAir.org](http://www.FreshAir.org).

### Position Summary

The Fresh Air Fund is hiring seasonal summer Farm Staff to facilitate educational programming at our model farm this summer. The role requires the person to plan and facilitate summer farm visits that include meeting our farm animals, a tour of our model garden, and a visit to the nutrition house. Farms maintain the DOH and ACA compliance of the farm, along with maintaining the garden and taking care of the farm animals. The ideal candidate is curious, hardworking and has a love of the outdoors with some previous experience with farm animals or gardening.

This is a residential seasonal position that is scheduled to begin June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and to continue at least until August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. This position is based at Sharpe Reservation. The role will be in-person will report to the Farm Director.

### Responsibilities

1. Responsible for planning and implementing the Farm and/or Nutrition programs.
2. Teach six class sessions each day which includes basic animal care, farm food chain, composting and organic gardening.
3. Staff will teach an evening program or participate in the compost program after classes.
4. Other duties include but are not limited to: morning and evening chores (feeding, cleaning, milking and other duties that may include heavy lifting), garden upkeep (weeding, planting, harvesting), daily compost pick-ups from dining halls, morning breakfast program and general cleaning of the farm facilities.
5. Maintain the daily well-being of domestic livestock and the routine upkeep of the gardens.
6. Educate camps about compost program, encourage their participation and help manage compost pile.
7. Ensure the safety of campers while in program area.
8. Work as part of a team utilizing the skills and talents of others to enhance the program.
9. Participate fully in all assigned camp activities.
10. Understand that campers come first and decisions should be made in the best interest of campers.
11. Address stressful situations appropriately in a fast-paced, interactive environment.
12. Strive to work in a cooperative manner with fellow staff to achieve goals of the program.
13. Explain and enforce the policies, traditions, and rules of camp.

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14. Invest time with campers to meet their needs, challenge their capabilities, and serve as a role model during their time at camp.
15. Take ownership of the use and care of camp equipment and facilities.
16. Be totally familiar with emergency procedures and follow them when necessary.
17. Additional responsibilities as needed and assigned.

## **Qualifications**

1. Must be at least 18 years of age by the start of camp.
2. At least one year of college or equivalent with coursework in biology or related environmental topics is preferred.
3. A minimum of one-year experience working with children is required. Staff must be passionate about working with children.
4. Prior teaching experience and basic knowledge of agriculture and/or nutrition preferred.
5. Should feel comfortable working with farm animals.
6. Driver's license is highly preferred.
7. Interested in working and living in the outdoors for the summer.
8. Emotionally mature with a willingness to work as a team player and to maintain a positive attitude.
9. Flexible and willing to accept challenges and step outside comfort zone.
10. Available for the entire duration of the summer program.

**Employment Period:** June 15, 2022 – August 3, 2022

**Compensation:** Salaries are \$2,200 - \$2,500 and are commensurate with experience

**Benefits:** None

## **Application Instructions**

To apply please, submit an application by clicking on the **Sharpe Reservation Staff Application** link at: <https://freshairfund.workbrightats.com/jobs/> We are hiring on a rolling basis and encourage interested applicants to apply as early as possible. No calls or recruiters, please.

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