

FT Intern Position on beginning farm

March – November, 2016 (year-round renewal possible)

Snow Camp, NC

This is our start-up year at the farm and intern will be a partner in establishing a small-scale organic market garden as well as pasture-raised poultry, pork and beef (to scale up in future years). We are passionate about organic and sustainable practices. John is the full-time farmer and Stephanie is involved evenings and weekends (on staff at Carolina Farm Stewardship Association). The farm is 40 beautiful acres in Snow Camp with 20+ acres of pastures and 15 acres of woods with creek and pond (just 10 minutes from Saxapahaw, 25 minutes from the CCCC Sustainable Ag program in Pittsboro, 30 minutes from Carboro, 30 minutes from Greensboro, and 50 minutes from Raleigh/Durham). Intern(s) will get to be part of the process of creating and developing all of the farming systems. We are also creating a permaculture plan and interns are welcome to be part of the learning and planning for sylvopasture, nuts and fruits, mushrooms, and more.

Job/Internship Description:

The position provides an excellent opportunity to learn about organic and sustainable agriculture and small farm management through hands-on experience with all aspects of a beginning farm and open sharing of all plans, processes and decision making. Activities in the garden will include soil preparation, seeding, transplanting, weeding, harvesting, processing vegetables, and learning drip irrigation, soil fertility, cover crop utilization, integrated pest management, and season extension. Activities with the poultry, hogs, and cows will include pasture movement and feed/water management, collecting and washing eggs, processing poultry, and all aspects of pasture-raised systems. You will learn how to operate farm machinery, use equipment and various tools, build necessary infrastructure (i.e. chicken tractor, fencing, hoop house, etc.) and food handling and safety.

Qualifications

We are looking for someone who is self-motivated, enjoys working outdoors with a team to achieve goals day in and day out, and is passionate about organic gardening and sustainable farming. Farming or related experience is preferred but not required. A willingness to take on almost any farm task with a smile, sense of humor, and an open mind are mandatory. A candidate with an eagerness to learn, attention to detail, positive attitude, curiosity and enjoyment of problem solving will find the most satisfaction.

You must be physically fit (able to do physical work all day and lift at least 50 lb. bags), energetic, and willing to work in all types of weather. No tobacco or drug use. This may

be the hardest year of work in your life, but the skills and experience acquired, hands-on learning, and personal rewards will more than make up for it for the right individual.

Salary/Compensation

Compensation is a monthly stipend (commensurate with experience) plus comfortable private housing (2 bedrooms, 1 ½ bath, laundry, internet) daily farm lunch, access to produce and eggs, sharing of resources and contacts. Potential for developing your own small enterprise. End-of-season bonus possible.

Application Instructions

Apply by sending a letter of interest, resume, and two references to:
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Contact Stephanie and John Campbell

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