

On Farm Educator Job Posting

About Angelic Organics Learning Center

Founded in 1998, Angelic Organics Learning Center is a non-profit organization that helps urban and rural people build local food systems; grow healthy food and a better quality of life; connect with farmers and the land, and learn agricultural and leadership skills, through programs at partner farms and urban growing sites in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin.

About our Farm Programs

Angelic Organics farm serves as our outdoor classroom, including vegetable fields, cover crop fields, pasture, livestock, wild spaces, and orchard. Our programs are experiential, and strive to engage mind, body and heart in the life of the farm. We seek to honor the knowledge and experience of all of our program participants, and to encourage personal reflection and positive actions.

Most programs include a whole farm tour, which is an experiential introduction to the farm emphasizing how soils, animals, plants and people interact on an organic farm. Longer programs may incorporate work projects, nutrition and cooking, food systems literacy, and workshops on organic gardening, sustainable agriculture, or livestock care. Our age groups range from preschool to adult. Programs may include school groups, community groups, individuals, families, birthday parties and day camps.

About the Position

We are seeking an **On-Farm Educator** who will be responsible for facilitating educational programs at the Learning Center for children and adults on a seasonal, part-time basis. Primary duties include:

- Leading orientations, farm tours, work projects, group building activities, workshops (cooking, composting, gardening, etc.), environmental and nutrition education activities, and reflection with visiting groups of up to 25 people in size.
- Attend to safety of participants, and the care and respect of farm animals, plants, and the land.
- Work cooperatively with team of educators to plan, prepare, implement and reflect on programs.
- Lead public workshops for family programs, cooking, gardening skills, use of natural materials, or other skills or arts related to sustainability.

The position is based in at the Angelic Organics farm, 1547 Rockton Road, Caledonia, IL 61011 and reports to the Program Director, On-Farm Initiative.

Programs typically range from 2 to 6 hours, with periodic overnights requiring camping with groups. Most programs take place from April to October. We anticipate approximately 10-25 days total of programming per educator in 2016, with the possibility to increase hours in future.

Ideal candidates will have experience with experiential, environmental education and working with diverse audiences in the following areas:

- biodynamic and/or organic farming and food systems
- sustainability practices
- livestock care
- farm ecology
- nutrition
- whole foods cooking

Qualified candidates must be physically able to participate in and lead farm work projects, work outdoors in all weather and have a flexible schedule, including weekends and periodic overnights. Experience in cross-cultural environments with multiple age groups, as well as basic computer skills

for communicating by e-mail are also necessary.

The position requires a self-motivated learner who is highly organized, creative, independent, adaptable and possesses excellent communications skills.

Hourly rate is \$9-\$11, commensurate with experience, and benefits include reduced fees for our public workshops.

Bi-lingual candidates (English & Spanish) are encouraged.

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To Apply

Please familiarize yourself with our website at <http://www.learn-grow-connect.org>. Qualified candidates please send your cover letter and resume to programs@learn-grow-connect.org. We'd appreciate all documents sent in PDF or Word format and "On-Farm Educator" included in the subject line item of the email. We look forward to receiving your information. No phone inquiries please.