



# SHELBURNE FARMS

## **ABOUT THE CHILDREN'S FARMYARD**

Shelburne Farms is a nonprofit education organization whose mission is to cultivate a conservation ethic for a sustainable future. Our campus is a 1,400-acre working farm and National Historic Landmark on the shores of Lake Champlain in Shelburne, Vermont. The Children's Farmyard (CFY) is the largest of the Farms' many public programs as the CFY is open to the public and school groups seven days a week, May through October. The focus of the CFY is to provide our visitors with a positive, hands-on experience with agriculture. In the CFY there are a variety of farm animals, activities, and educators that engage visitors with agriculture. The goal of the CFY is to educate and connect visitors to agriculture by providing them with a positive farm animal experience, a connection to the food they eat and fiber they need, and an understanding of the importance of farms in their daily lives.

## **TYPICAL DAY**

8:30-10:00- Farmyard staff arrives to set-up the farmyard and prepare for the day. This includes cleaning animal pens, feeding animals, setting up the education room, and coming up with a plan for the day.

10:00-5:00- The CFY is open to the public, school groups, and summer camp groups. Farmyard educators will greet groups, lead engaging half-hourly activities\* (about 3 per educator per day), interact with visitors, and drive a tractor shuttle between the Welcome Center and the Farm Barn.

\* Half-hourly activities are taught every half hour from 10:30 until 4:00. Some examples include: Milk a Cow, Chicken Parade, Get in the Garden, Working with Wool, Milk a Goat, Meet a Calf, Meet a Rabbit and many more!!

## RESPONSIBILITIES

- Leading activities for public and school groups including formal interactive presentations to groups ranging from a few people to as many as 150 or more. Also engaging public in less formal 'meet and greet a farm animal' type of activities.
- Being open and available to engage with public about many topics ranging from basic animal information ("what animal is this?") to in-depth discussions (i.e. dairy industry or farming practices etc).
- Assisting with farm and garden chores and general farmyard maintenance (get to know and love a pitchfork!).
- Providing information about Shelburne Farms' campus, history, products, and services.
- Upholding good guest services at all times
- Acting as mentor for CFY Work and Learn volunteers (ages 9-17).
- Tractor shuttle driving (two hours daily).
- Special event support.

Farm practices and animal handling and safety training will be provided.  
90% OF THIS JOB IS BEING AN EDUCATOR AND 10% IS BEING A FARMER!  
Ideal candidates come with an excitement and interest in farming and with experience as an educator!

## JOB SPECIFICS

- Weekend work required.
- Full time (40 hours) equates to a 4 ½ day schedule.
- Part time positions available.
- Available to work beginning mid-April and ending mid-October.

## BENEFITS!!!

- ◆ Working in a FUN, DYNAMIC work environment with awesome coworkers, fantastic kids and visitors, and wonderful animals!!
- ◆ \$10/hour salary
- ◆ Half dozen farm fresh eggs per week
- ◆ Free admission to Shelburne Farms' walking trails and CFY at any time.
- ◆ discounts on Shelburne Farms' products and services (30% discount on non-sale products at the Farm Store, 30% off purchases at the Farm Cart, 30% discount on food at the Inn Restaurant, 50% off regular room rates with same day reservations after 5pm) at the Inn,
- ◆ Membership with Vermont Attractions Association offering discounts and other reciprocal offerings.
- ◆ and other great perks that you'll have to wait to find out about!