



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. 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 interaction with agriculture.

Beginning in mid-March, a small flock of ewes and their lambs will be housed in the Farmyard in the Farm Barn for the public to view. Although we are not yet officially open (opening day is May 11th), with the onset of warmer weather, we welcome the public to enjoy our walking trails and visit the sheep! For the education, health, and safety of our visitors plus the health and safety of our animals, it is important that there is a staff member facilitating any interaction of public with animals. This part-time position will be a friendly educator ready to answer visitor's questions, ensure safe interactions and a stress-free environment for the animals during our busy spring weekends.

This educator would have the opportunity for a full-time seasonal position as a Farmyard Educator when the season begins on April 25th.

The goal of the CFY is to educate, inspire, and emotionally connect visitors to agriculture by providing them with a positive farm animal experience, a connection to the food and fiber they rely on, and an understanding of the importance of farms in their daily lives.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Engage in conversations and answer questions of visitors.
- Occasionally bring a lamb out of the pen for visitors to meet.
- Assist farmers with farm chores including bottle feeding lambs with public.
- Responsible for maintaining safe environment for visitors and animals.
Responsible for recognizing and dealing with hazards or reporting them to a supervisor.
- Work on special projects as described by supervisor during the day (i.e. egg washing, animal area cleaning, moving hay, etc.)

REQUIREMENTS

- Friendly, energetic person who is excited to engage with the public about farms and animals!
- Experience engaging public of all ages, children and families specifically.
- Experience and comfort working with animals.
- Saturday or Sunday required through May 11th
- Comfortable working in all weather
- Able to lift 50 pounds
- Independent worker
- Eagerness to learn new skills and knowledge

Commitment:

Saturday and/or Sunday 8:30am-4:30pm pm beginning March 16th
Opportunity to become full-time (40 hours) beginning April 25th as Seasonal Farmyard Educator.

Reports to Rachel Cadwallader-Staub (Children's Farmyard Manager)
and Cat Wright (Family Programs Coordinator)

Salary: \$10.00 per hour

Please email cover letter and resume to Rachel Cadwallader-Staub at rcstaub@Shelburnefarms.org or mail to 1611 Harbor Road, Shelburne, Vermont 05482.

Application deadline: February 15th

