

Produce Project Intern

About Capital Roots:

Capital Roots is striving to create a more vibrant and equitable food system. We work to reduce the impact of poor nutrition on public health in New York's Capital Region by organizing community gardens, providing healthy food access, offering nutrition and horticulture education for all ages, and coordinating urban greening programs in Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady and southern Saratoga Counties. Our mission is to nourish healthy communities by providing access to fresh foods and green space for all.

Position Description:

The Produce Project is a job training program which since 2009 has engaged youth from Troy High School in the year-round production and sale of organic vegetables. With help from the program's Farmer and Educator, students manage their crops from seed through sale, while earning a stipend and a food share to take home to their families.

Responsibilities include:

- Partners with a student leader in guiding their crew of 6-8 students in daily farm tasks, games and practical life lessons. Acts as youth mentor and ally as well as supervisor
- Assists Farm Manager and Farm Assistant in teaching and supervising youth in farm tasks including soil preparation, planting, weeding, and harvesting
- Assists Educator in applying an activity-based curriculum focused on sustainable agriculture, productive communication, teamwork, and leadership
- Joins weekly leadership meetings with Produce Project staff and student leaders

Qualifications:

- Has or wishes to acquire farming and teaching experience
- Is enthusiastic about empowering youth and working with high school students
- Enjoys spending large amounts of time outdoors
- Has an interest in community food security, nutrition, and sustainable agriculture
- Is positive and is committed to working with students of various backgrounds
- Is comfortable working outside and leading individuals and groups in various tasks

Necessary Logistics:

- Must be available to work 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. August 8-12 is our summer vacation and accommodations can be made for certain summer commitments or school starting in August.
- Our program runs from mid-June until August 19th. It begins with a two week intensive training to prepare you for your role. We are committed to utilizing interns' strengths and encouraging their interests, in order to improve their experience and strengthen our program.
- Time spent primarily at Produce Project Farm, with meetings held at Capital Roots' Troy office. Field trips with students will be Covid-dependent.

Compensation:

- Stipend is disbursed at the conclusion of the summer program. It reflects service and days worked; a bonus is also available.
- Interns receive a weekly produce share, healthy snacks, and some shared meals.

Send cover letter and resume via email to: Peter Boyles, Produce Project Educator

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