

Nutrition and Agriculture Educator



Start-Date: August 18, 2014

Location: Newport, Vermont

About Green Mountain Farm-to-School

Green Mountain Farm-to-School (GMFTS) is a nonprofit organization promoting the health and wellbeing of Vermont's children, farms and communities by providing programs to connect schools and farms through food and education. In the 2014-2015 academic year, GMFTS aims to serve school communities in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont with school gardens, educational programming and fresh local farm foods, benefiting over 5,000 students. For more information about GMFTS, please visit www.greenmountainfarmtoschool.org.

Position Description

The primary responsibilities of the Nutrition and Agriculture Educator will be to develop, grow, present, and evaluate GMFTS' nutrition education programs for the Lunchbox Mobile Food Truck, retail locations, and schools. This is a full-time year-long AmeriCorps position. The Nutrition and Agriculture Educator will:

- Develop and deliver cooking demos, taste tests, and educational workshops for kids and community members
- Assist with daily operations of the Lunchbox Mobile Food Truck including food preparation, inventory management, and sales
- Support the Lunchbox's special events including on-farm dinners and local food festivals
- Encourage local food purchasing by retailers and schools
- Coordinate and maintain school gardens
- Design outreach and publicity materials including monthly e-newsletters
- Use database to collect, analyze, and report data for program evaluation
- Work closely with staff, parents, food service directors, and farmers
- Recruit and train community volunteers
- Provide general support to organization, as necessary

Qualifications

- A Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience
- Knowledge of local food systems and sustainable agriculture
- Strong interest in working with children, teaching (formal or non-formal) experience required
- Culinary experience preferred
- Some knowledge of gardening and vegetable production needed
- Excellent public speaking, writing skills, and organizational skills
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Ability to work in a fast-paced, rapidly growing non-profit environment
- Valid driver's license and reliable transportation

Compensation: AmeriCorps Members who complete their term of service in a full-time position will receive:

- A biweekly stipend totaling \$14,620.00 for the year
- Health insurance, if not covered under another policy
- Child care, if necessary
- Student loan forbearance
- A \$5,550 Education Award for past or future education
- Monthly SNAP benefits
- Available housing
- Career mentoring, professional development, and strong work experience

To Apply: Submit a resume, cover letter and essay to jobs@gmfts.org. Essay topic: Please explain one thing you could do to promote healthy local food choices in a rural community (maximum 200 words). Deadline for applications is May 1, 2014. No phone calls please. See website for more details. EOE