



Children's Garden Educator & Program Coordinator Healthy Foods for Healthy Kids

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Healthy Foods for Healthy Kids (HFHK), specializes in designing and implementing school vegetable gardening programs that support the Delaware science curriculum. Currently, our Education Cultivation Program is implemented in 32 schools in New Castle County and serves ~12,000 students during two growing seasons per year (spring and fall). Our long-term goal is to provide garden-based education to every interested Delaware school. For more information visit:

www.healthyfoodsforhealthykids.org

William Penn High School at Historic Penn Farm

In partnership with the Trustees of New Castle Commons, William Penn High School leases 7-acres of land as part of a capstone project for many students in the agriculture degree program. Agriculture students are involved in every aspect of the farm from planning of crops to harvesting, packing, and preserving produce for Colonial School District's federal meal programs. The produce is made available for community members in the surrounding areas.

Summary

Healthy Foods for Healthy Kids is seeking an energetic and enthusiastic individual to support HFHK's expansion by providing children's garden-based education at Historic Penn Farm's educational garden, and to assist with HFHK's Education Cultivation Program.

Reports to: President/CEO and Program Manager.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Lead farm tours and garden-based education classes two days per week at Penn Farm;
- Manage the Penn Farm learning garden, plan and prepare for garden activities, manage planting schedule, ensure availability of tools and other necessary materials at the site;
- Be responsible for group management of students and ensuring student safety;
- Assist with all phases of the HFHK Education Cultivation program, including, but not limited to: Teaching lessons to classes of students, assessing garden progress during the growing season, preparing and delivering planting kits to schools, assisting with garden construction and maintenance;
- Collaborate with school staff and project partners to schedule HFHK garden lessons and to ensure program success and continuity;
- Assist with social media/public relations as necessary;
- Assist with HFHK events (some of which may occur in the evenings and on weekends) as necessary.

Education and/or Experience

- Bachelor's degree in biology, agriculture, education, or related field, or a combination of experience, training and/or education that provides knowledge and skills to perform assigned tasks.



- Knowledge and skills in small-scale organic food production or home gardening;
- Knowledge of, or interest in, topics including urban gardening, plant science, environmental science, health and nutrition, food systems, food access;
- Knowledge of, or interest in, small animals including poultry, ducks, geese, and small ruminants.
- Excellent problem-solving abilities, ability to make decisions and adapt to changes;
- Self-motivated, with excellent organizational & time management skills;
- Ability to perform manual labor and work outdoors in a physically demanding environment;
- Demonstrated ability to work with diverse populations including youth and adults;
- Minimum 3 months experience teaching/leading K-8 children in outdoor activities;
- Must possess a valid driver's license, have access to reliable transportation, and verify liability insurance on personal vehicles driven for work purposes;
- Strong oral and written communication skills, including public speaking skills;
- Ability to work independently and be flexible;
- Computer skills, including Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint.

Physical Demands

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential duties and responsibilities of the job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform essential functions. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to use hands and/or fingers to handle, or feel; reach with hands and arms; talk or hear, and taste or smell. The employee frequently is required to stand, walk, and sit. The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 50 pounds.

Hours: Part-time, averaging approximately 25 hrs/week. Seasonal and project-based variations in work volume will occur throughout the year.

Pay rate: \$12-15/hr, depending upon experience

Application Procedures

Interested candidates who meet minimum qualifications may apply by submitting a resume and letter of interest to Dr. Thianda Manzara at HFHKDelaware@gmail.com.

Healthy Foods for Healthy Kids is an equal opportunity employer.