



Farm Tour Instructor

The Forsythe Family Farm believes it's important to connect to where your food comes from, which is why we invite the public to take part in the farm-to-table concept. Providing education about food production and farming enriches our communities experience and is an important part of who we are and what motivates us. We strive to be leaders in farm education for all ages.

As Farm Tour Instructor, you are the group leader of the children assigned to you and as such responsible for their safety and farm education alongside their class teacher. We are providing children with eh opportunity to experience life on the farm- seeing, doing, and learning about animals, plants, and the needs of living things for survival.

Learning with wonder and joy is the goal we strive to reach with children attending our tours. "This was the best day ever" means we did it!

Responsibilities

- Promote your passion for food and healthy living to co-workers and customers alike.
- Ignite the children's curiosity! Using your unique skills and abilities you are to meet the children at their level of capabilities and understanding of food and farms and raise their awareness of the role farms play in their everyday lives.
- Focusing on the food we eat and products we use every day, you are to help the children answer the essential questions.
 - What are farms?
 - How do farms fit into our lives and why are they important?

Other essential questions that relate to specific tours will guide you and the children in your time of exploration and discovery.

- Encouraging children to be actively involved in their investigations by asking them what they wonder about and follow through to the discovery of some answers
- Emphasize learning by experience in our tours giving more meaning and depth into what teachers can do in the classroom.
- Be aware of other groups present; plan with fellow instructors to ensure smooth rotation through the various areas of the farm so all groups complete all aspects of the tour on time and with minimal mixing of groups.
- Be organized but flexible in presenting your activities so time spent is effective in achieving your objectives. Turn negatives into positives keeping the group engaged during waiting or transitioning times
- Be aware of any unsafe conditions or behaviors that could endanger employees and guests. Correct the problem in a timely manner by fixing it or reporting it.

Tours are rain or shine, and groups are aware of this when booking.

Work with the weather conditions of the day. Dress appropriately for the weather; be positive and upbeat even in inclement conditions adjusting the program accordingly while keeping the children as comfortable as possible.

Tasks

- Senior staff will train you on specific tasks required to prepare for and finish up the day
- Know what grade and tour you will be teaching that day
- Help in other areas such as the market while waiting for your group to arrive once you have prepared for your tours. We are a small business and everyone helping each other makes the workday pleasant and rewarding.

Skills and Attributes

- Outgoing personality with strong interpersonal communication skills
- Confidence presenting a positive image with customers of all ages and demographics.
- Able to work independently and as a team member showing initiative, tact, and creativity.

Qualifications

We are looking for people who enjoy working with children and can engage them and keep their interest in a fun and active manner. Experience through volunteer time spent in classrooms enables us to have a teacher for a reference who can assess these qualities.

- ECE or teaching certification is an asset but not required.
- A current Vulnerable Sector Check is required

Employment Terms:

This position works well for parents or caregivers with children in school. Work available depends on tours booked. The day usually starts at 9:30 am and is done by 2:00 pm.

Other jobs can be assigned to make this a more consistent part-time position or a full workday when you are booked.

Report to Leslie Forsythe

Come with a good attitude and a passion for food; we will train for the skills and farming knowledge

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