



Farm Education Intern 2012 (Northwest Philadelphia)

The **Weavers Way Community Programs (WWCP) Farm Education** is a dynamic, interactive program that teaches children and youth from varied backgrounds about urban farming. We operate at three (3) unique sites, allowing us to develop and implement innovative curriculum that serves students from a variety of backgrounds. Farm-based learning bridges the gap for children of different socio-economic status. Some of the young farmers who work with us are currently without homes of their own (the **Hope Garden at Stenton Family Manor**, a homeless shelter for families) and some are high school students who have chosen to attend one of the country's only agricultural high schools (**Saul High School for Agricultural Sciences**). Others attend public and private schools and have the opportunity to visit our 2-acre agricultural oasis at Awbury Arboretum (**Mort Brooks Memorial Farm**).

Weavers Way Community Programs (WWCP) was created in 2007 to expand the community enrichment work of Weavers Way Co-op. WWCP is a member of the Mt. Airy Community Services Corporation, which has 501(c)(3) status with the IRS. The largest components of WWCP are the School Marketplace Program, Farm Education, and the Mt. Airy Bike Collective.

Student Project: WWCP is able to host 2 farm education interns in 2012. The 2 interns will work at one or more of the 3 farm sites. A more specific schedule will be available by February 2012 when we have completed de-briefing from the 2011 season and planning for 2012.

1. Hope Garden at Stenton Family Manor: The interns will work with the Stenton farm educator to manage the 1/3 acre community garden; host activities for resident youth; harvest produce for kitchen and market use. A major portion of the produce at Stenton Family Manor is used on-site in the shelter's kitchen where meals are served daily to over 200 people.

2. Mort Brooks Memorial Farm: The interns will work with the Brooks farm educator to manage the 1/3-acre Children's Garden and host activities for groups from around the region who visit to participate in educational programs. In 2011, over 2,000 youth and adults participated in WWCP's farm education programs.

3. Henry Got Crops CSA at Saul High School for Agricultural Sciences: The interns will work with the Henry Got Crops farm educator to host education activities for 100 high school students, including the incoming freshman class. Students will learn how to operate a CSA, in addition to specific vegetable production skills.

This is a great opportunity for hands-on experience with urban farm education and production. Working at each site will offer experience with small scale, diversified organic vegetable production and the opportunity to develop skills as an educator with different types of student groups. Interns will have the opportunity to work at all sites based on program needs.

Produce grown in the Children's Garden and excess produce from Stenton is sold at farmers markets, and to the Weavers Way retail operations. The interns will assist with evaluation measures, including follow up with group leaders who need to complete post-visit surveys. The percentage of time engaged in production vs. education may vary throughout the 10 weeks. WWCP's farm education program operates in conjunction with the Weavers Way Farms and Weavers Way Co-op. Weavers Way Co-op is a 4,800-member community-owned retail food market, with locations in Mt. Airy and Chestnut Hill.

Requirements:

- Some prior experience in gardening and environmental education preferred.
- Must have a good sense of humor, strong work ethic, and willingness to get dirty.
- You should be able to work under adverse conditions (heat, humidity, cold, rain) and be able to lift 50 lbs, preferably at the same time.
- Access to a vehicle is very helpful but not necessary.
- Intern must have a current child abuse and criminal history clearance (or apply for clearances when selected for internship).

Specific Tasks:

1. Assist with both farm education and production. Total hours per week devoted to each task will vary based on weather, scheduling, and other variables.
2. Help lead educational groups and activities (pre-school to college age at Brooks and high-school age at Saul).
3. Help lead educational activities for Stenton summer campers (ages 6-14), as well as resident (adult and youth) work shifts at Stenton Family Manor.
4. Help manage volunteers who visit our sites to assist with the farming and education.
5. Assist with farm production, including work in the greenhouse, planting, weeding, harvesting, and marketing.
6. Learn about the 100 varieties of vegetables and flowers we grow, including pest management and season extension.
7. Engage with members of the Weavers Way community via community outreach events.
8. Assist with staffing WWCP's farmers market, helping to harvest, set up for, and sell our produce.
9. Participate in weekly farmer meetings and WWCP staff meetings.
10. Have fun, meet nice people, and learn a lot!

Stipend: CPGC covers Haverford's intern's costs, including lodging, transportation, food, as well as the summer earnings expectation for students who receive financial aid. Interns will be strongly encouraged to live in Philadelphia.

Opportunity available to Haverford freshmen, sophomores, and juniors.

Past WWCP Interns: Marketplace intern: Peter Block '10 (currently a Haverford House Fellow), Farm Education interns: Leora Winston '14, Angelique Bradford '13, Anna Menon '12

Apply by **February 26, 2012** at www.haverford.edu/cpgc/apply.php

More Information: Visit <http://www.weaversway.coop/> and/or contact Janice Lion (jlion@haverford.edu).