Diversified Agriculture Internship

**Position Summary:**
This is a temporary compensated position. Responsibilities include but are not limited to assisting in the care of livestock, vegetable production, orchard maintenance, and agricultural facility maintenance while working with and being directed by the Farm Manager.

**About Gill St. Bernard’s School**
GSB is an independent, non-sectarian, college-preparatory day school serving approximately 700 students from Kindergarten through 12th Grade. We offer a comprehensive and balanced curriculum and work to instill in our students a set of values that includes compassion, service, responsibility, and integrity.

**Primary Position Responsibilities:**
Animal Husbandry – Conduct daily animal chores, report animal illness or incidents, clean and maintain animal pens/barns and equipment. Assist Farm Manager with educational activities and labor/time intensive projects i.e. vaccinations, animal transportation, heavy lifting, medical emergencies, maintaining records, etc.

Vegetable Production – Start and tend seedlings in greenhouses. Plant, weed, irrigate, and harvest vegetables, fruits, and flowers. Wash and pack produce, maintain production records and clean packing/storage environment. Set up and run Home Winds Farm Stand and off-site Farmers Market. Facilitate CSA pickup. Maintain permanent beds via weeding (by hand, with flame weeder, wheel hoe, etc), bed construction, and soil amending. Maintain compost piles.

There may be other duties and responsibilities assigned. This work can be difficult and is physically intensive. You must be comfortable working outside in all weather conditions, working in a variety of positions (standing, stooping, squatting, kneeling, etc), dealing with dirty/dusty conditions including animal manure and other wastes such as soiled bedding and feed, and proximity to heavy machinery.

Across all responsibilities are these foundational requirements:
- A strong work ethic
- The ability to be highly productive while enduring physically and mentally taxing work
- Consistent attention to detail: Observationally, in fully completing tasks, and in record keeping
- Effective communication with a constructive and professional manner
- The ability to work in a group or alone
- Adaptability
- A love for agriculture and a desire to learn more about it

**Preferred Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:**
- Knowledge of and/or experience in animal husbandry across many species (cattle, sheep, goats, equines, and poultry)
- Knowledge of and/or experience in gardening and vegetable production
- Ability to use hand and/or power tools
- Competence with commonly used software (Microsoft Office Suite and Google Sheets/Docs)
- Demonstrated ability to lift 50 pounds or more consistently throughout the day
- Demonstrated ability to withstand prolonged exposure to variable weather conditions
- Experience operating tractors
Experience and Learning Goals
- Gain extensive animal handling experience across several domesticated species (cattle, equine, sheep, goat, poultry, and small animal)
- Learn to grow, maintain, and harvest a variety of produce
- Understand the daily management required for a variety of plant and animal species
- Learn how to record farm data and keep records of livestock
- Interact with veterinarians and follow animal welfare protocols

Hours and Compensation
- Starting pay of $11/hr
- 40 hours a week
- 8 hour shift times vary depending on assigned work (i.e. harvest shifts start earliest at 6:00am)
- Lunch provided daily when school/camp is in session
- Flexible start and end dates between March and November 2021, with a minimum 3 month commitment

Please Send Resume and Cover Letter to: Elincoln@gsbschool.org