Farm Assistant, Home Winds Farm, Gill St. Bernard’s School

Gill St. Bernard’s School, is searching for a Farm Assistant for Home Winds Farm and Garden. As both a working farm and living classroom for the PS-12 curriculum, Home Winds serves as a vibrant component of Gill St. Bernard’s. More importantly, it provides the students a deeper connection to our land and the space to gain a fuller understanding on the impact they have on the world. The Farm Assistant will report to the Farm Manager and work with the Farm Manager in the operation of Home Winds Farm and Garden. This is a 12-month position.

Responsibilities and Duties

- **Farm**
  - Conduct daily animal chores including feeding, watering, animal inventory, and visual health checks
  - Report animal illness, incidents, and feed requirements to the Farm Manager
  - Inspect Pasture fencing, coops, pens, and gates to ensure animal security
  - Clean and maintain animal pens, barn, and farm equipment
  - Assist Farm Manager during class activities involving animal handling
  - Assist the Farm Manager in labor/time-intensive farm projects, e.g. vaccination days, animal transportation, auction days, heavy lifting, special events, and medical emergencies
  - Animal chores on weekends and holidays will be assigned as necessary

- **Garden and Orchards**
  - Start, tend, and plant seedlings
  - Weed, irrigate, and harvest plants in garden
  - Wash, pack, and record garden harvest
  - Set-up, stock, and store Home Winds Farm stand
  - Maintain beds and surrounding areas (fences, irrigation lines, etc)
  - Prepare space and equipment for student/camper garden activities and assist if additional guidance is requested
  - Assist the Farm Manager in large garden and orchard projects, e.g. compost, tilling, mass transplanting, pruning, and special events

- **Other duties may be assigned as needed**

Desired Qualifications

- Livestock experience (large and small animal preferred)
- Large scale gardening experience (no till preferred)
- Tractor operation
- Power Tool operation (weed whacker, tiller, power edger, flame weeder, etc)
- Valid driver’s license
- Must be able to lift 50+ pounds repeatedly, run, jump, and withstand temperature extremes for extended periods of time
- Construction, carpentry, general mechanical skills would be helpful
- Experience working with children (Pre-K to 12th grade)
- Demonstrated ability to assess needs in a farm and garden environment
- Must demonstrate initiative and self-motivation, be comfortable working independently after receiving direction, and understand their responsibility extends beyond assigned tasks to the general welfare of all the aspects of the farm and garden

Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter (no phone calls please) to Edward Lincoln, Farm Manager, at elincoln@gsbschool.org