



Position: Braddock Farms Apprentice

Deadline to Apply: Monday, January 21, 2013

Organization Description:

Grow Pittsburgh was established in 2005. The organization incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 2008 after four successful programs had been established: *Braddock Farms*, a social enterprise that raises vegetables for local restaurants and provides jobs and locally grown food for Braddock residents; *The Edible Schoolyard*, an elementary school gardening program that uses the seed to table model to educate children about where their food comes from through physical gardens; *The Frick Project*, a greenhouse and garden operation that grows plant starts for local garden initiatives as well as produce for restaurant sales; and *The Summer Intern* program that uses agriculture as a platform for leadership skill development and environmental education. In 2010, the organization launched *City Growers*. This initiative is meant to encourage community vegetable gardening by providing technical assistance in the set up of gardens on vacant land in the city.

Apprentice Overview: For the 2013 growing season Grow Pittsburgh is seeking an apprentice for our Braddock Farms site. The Apprentice will be focused on marketing and outreach as well as learn varied aspects of vegetable and fruit production.

Timeline: April 29, 2013 to November 1, 2013

Hours and Compensation: The apprentice will work up to 20 hours per week including early mornings and Saturdays. Compensation is a \$3,000 stipend paid over the course of the season.

Responsibilities: The apprentice will work directly with Braddock Farms Manager Marshall Hart to learn and execute the basic aspects of small-scale, sustainable, urban vegetable and fruit production and sale. The primary focus of the apprenticeship will be on the Braddock Farm Stand, low-income CSA, and community outreach. Throughout the season the day-to-day tasks expected of the apprentice will include:

- Creating and organizing recipe cards for the farm stand and CSA
- Organizing and developing tastings, activities and small events for the farm stand
- Outreach in the Braddock community

- Refining record keeping systems for farm stand and developing ones for CSA
- Keeping clear farm stand and CSA records & maintaining communication with Grow Pittsburgh Manager
- Harvesting and preparing produce for sale to restaurants, through co-ops and farm stands, and a small weekly CSA
- Marketing produce at weekly farm stand
- Interacting with the public on a daily basis
- Prepping outdoor beds for spring and summer planting
- Weeding & cultivating
- Maintaining compost

Requirements: Applicants should have a strong interest in sustainable and organic agriculture, vegetable gardening, and urban farming. Some previous growing experience is preferred but not required. Those interested should be self-motivated, punctual, and attentive to detail. They should also possess a strong work ethic, the ability to follow instructions, follow through on details, and work efficiently. The apprentice should be open to interacting in a friendly manner with the public on a daily basis. Access to a vehicle is needed for setting up farm stand and other deliveries.

To Apply:

Interested applicants should email a cover letter and resume to Marshall Hart at:

Marshall@growpittsburgh.org

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