Camp Counselor/Farm Education Intern

Applications Due March 1st, 2022 - REVIEWED AS RECEIVED

Hours: Part & Full-time (20-40 hrs/week) - varies through the season

Dates: May 23rd - August 12th
• Start and end dates somewhat flexible. Possible opportunity to extend the position through Sept 30, 2022.

Compensation:
• $15/hour
• CSA vegetable share through the growing season (mid June through late September)

Calypso Farm is committed to fostering equity and inclusivity in our work, and providing opportunities for all members of our community, especially those with backgrounds and identities that are currently underrepresented in our dominant food systems and community leadership roles. Applicants of Color and persons who identify as Black or Indigenous are particularly encouraged to apply.

Position Overview
The Farm Education Intern is an education focused position at Calypso Farm. Your primary responsibility will be to be a camp counselor at Calypso's youth summer camps. This is a great opportunity to develop your leadership skills, learn techniques for working with children and youth, and learn all about (and practice!) principles of hands-on, place-based education. Throughout the summer, you will receive training on working with youth, hands-on education, farming and boreal forest ecology, and more. Based on your own interests, there may also be the opportunity to work with Calypso's Field Trips and other farm-based education programs.

What is Farm Camp?
Farm Camps are week long day camps held at Calypso Farm for youth ages 5-15. Teens aged 12-15 assist with the camps as Junior Counselors. Farm Camps offer children a farm immersion experience, exposing them to all aspects of farm life and boreal forest ecology through hands-on learning and exploration.

What are Calypso’s Field Trips and other farm-based education programs?
Calypso offers field trips to youth aged pre-K through 12th grade as well as families and community groups. Field trips are a fun, hands-on way for kids to explore the farm, guided by Calypso educators. Calypso also offers other educational programs like family workshops on topics like gardening, ecology, and farm-based crafts, and a Fall Farm School program for homeschool students running mid August-September.

About Calypso Farm & Ecology Center
Founded in 2000, Calypso Farm and Ecology Center is a non-profit, educational farm in Fairbanks, Alaska. We offer hands-on education programs for all ages and grow fresh food for the community. We encourage environmental awareness in both farming and natural ecosystems, and our farm is surrounded by beautiful boreal forest. Our education programs are all hands-on and based in principles of environmental and outdoor education and place-based learning.

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Roles and Responsibilities

• Be camp counselor and instructor at all Farm Camp sessions
• Assist the Lead Educator and Assistant Camp Director with all aspects of running Farm Camps, including set-up and clean-up, program development, and teaching
• Develop and lead your own lessons for camps throughout the summer (training will be provided as needed)
• Develop and lead a non-camp youth education program by the end of the summer (such as a family workshop on a topic like gardening or wool crafts)
• Assist with Farm Field Trips and other summer youth education programs, as needed
• Assist with the implementation of all Safety Policies for Camps and other education programs
• Assist with end of season evaluation for Farm Camps

Qualifications

• At least 16 years of age
• Interest in working with children and youth of all ages
• Comfortable working outside rain or shine
• Able to adhere to CDC guidelines and Calypso's protocols for COVID-19 safety throughout the season
• Belief in Calypso's mission (see About Calypso Farm & Ecology Center on first page)
• Interest in learning about farming and boreal forest ecology (bonus if you are already knowledgeable in these areas!)
• First Aid & CPR certified (training provided)
• Able to pass a Background Check to work with children

Fairbanks locals strongly encouraged to apply! Preference will be given to local-hires from the Fairbanks area as well as those from other parts off Alaska.

Applicants must have a reliable vehicle or other form of transportation for getting to and from work each day. Calypso Farm is located 5 miles up the Old Nenana Highway in Ester, outside of Fairbanks.

To Apply

Please send a copy of your resume, the contact information for 3 references (could be work related, former teachers, mentors, etc.), and a cover letter that addresses the following questions to Leila Pyle, Calypso's Lead Educator, at leila@calypsofarm.org. We will then contact you about an interview!

1. Describe why you are interested in being the Camp Counselor/Farm Education Intern.
2. Describe any outdoor/environmental education experience that you have, or other experience working with children. If you don't have experience in this area, please describe your interest in working with children.
3. Describe something you’d hope to learn or an area you’d like to grow in as the Farm Education Intern.
4. If you were a vegetable, what would you be and why?
5. How did you hear about the position?

Calypso Farm is committed to fostering a safe and healthy work environment for all its employees. Discrimination against ANY individual (staff, program participant, volunteer, general public, etc.) on the basis of sexual orientation, race, class, gender, disability, religion, political views or any aspect of a person that sets them apart is unacceptable.