

Snakeroot Organic Farm
Apprentice/Intern Information Form

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INTRODUCTION

We'd like to know a little about the folks who are applying to work at our farm for the coming season. Please feel free to add more if you think we missed asking any relevant questions. We would like our interns to be real apprentices in the old time sense of the word, where the apprentice learns to do what we are doing from top to bottom.

We are primarily interested in hosting people who have a genuine interest in adopting farming or market gardening in their lives. We are not particularly interested in just a warm body to do work. Our wish is to gain fulfillment ourselves through offering an in depth experience to people who are looking to continue on in agriculture as their life's work. We have no livestock.

You can find a lot more about us by looking at our web site at www.snakeroot.net/farm. It is fairly extensive, and includes pictures of us, of the farm, and some of our farmers' markets, a farm journal, yearly work schedules, as well as literature we produce for educating the public at the markets. A copy of this application appears there, too. We are looking for people who ideally are willing to start early in the season and stay late in the season (April thru November), but we realize that in most cases this is a dream, so we are flexible on starting and ending dates. For folks looking to stay for more than one year, see our Farmer's Retirement Plan. Work at the farm consists of greenhouse work (starting seedlings, trellising, watering), field work (planting, transplanting, weeding, hoeing, watering, harvesting), attending farmers' markets, and generally helping out around the place. A more complete description of what we do during the year can be found at Our Work Schedule.

One of the projects currently underway is the building of a three-season apprentice cabin about 1000 feet in the woods behind our house; apprentices would be expected to participate in its construction. We accept couples, however defined.

APPRENTICE/INTERN APPLICATION

Name: _____ Age _____ M/F _____

Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____

_____ E-Mail: _____

Best time to be reached: _____

How did you hear about our farm? _____

Permanent Address: _____ Permanent Phone: (____) _____

What is the time period during which you will be available to apprentice?

Are you seeking in-depth organic agriculture training, or are you looking for an interesting summer job?

Describe the type of farm experience and skills in which you are most interested. Please mention at least three specific areas of interest.

What are your goals in becoming a farm apprentice? Afterwards?

What do you perceive will be your reaction to living and learning with new and unknown people in a rural area.

Please list any schools you have attended, degrees and/or major areas of study or training.

Provide a list of your work experience, both paid and volunteer.

Is the receipt of a modest stipend crucial to your ability to become an apprentice? Explain:

Will you be able to make a visit to our farm? If so, when?

Please comment on the following and add any other considerations that are important to you:

Smoker Non-Smoker Diet (vegetarian? other?)_____

Will you eat meat raised locally? Yes No

Transportation?_____ Drive Stick Shift?_____ Tractor?_____

Medical: Are you taking any medications? Yes No If yes, what?_____

Any physical limitations? Yes No If yes, what?_____

Allergies? Yes No If yes, what?_____

Emotional/psychological problems? Yes No If yes, what?_____

Other considerations:_____

Special Interests:_____

Strong ideological views (political, religious, feminist, etc.):

Please list three interesting things about yourself:

Please list three things you want people to know about living with you:

Please return this application to us as soon as possible so we can make an appropriately early decision.

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