

# Farm Education Summer Intern at LexFarm

Passionate about nature? Enjoy working with young children? Join us for a summer of outdoor learning and discovery at LexFarm!



**Job title: Summer Farm Education Intern**

**Reports to: Education Director**

**Hours: 20 hours/week, 8:30-12:30 Monday-Friday**

**Position period: June 17-Aug 19\***

\*No programs the week of July 1st.

## **About LexFarm:**

Lexington Community Farm Coalition, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (LexFarm), was founded in 2011 by community members to protect one of the few remaining farms in Lexington, MA. LexFarm grows certified-organic food with sustainable farming practices, connects and educates community members, and provides fresh produce to all including those in need.

The farm is a model for responsible land and soil stewardship, a place for fresh local organic produce and for community connection. We are committed to increasing access to certified organic produce for households of all income levels. LexFarm is run through a co-management model, farm leadership gives staff the support they need to succeed and take ownership of responsibilities.

## **About LexFarm Education**

LexFarm education offers many opportunities for hands-on learning and play in a beautiful farm setting. Based in the LexFarm learning garden, our classes expose children to all aspects of the growing cycle: planting, weeding, watering, and harvesting.

We explore the wildlife at the Arlington reservoir and care for the animals at neighboring Silk Fields Farm (chickens, sheep, goats and alpacas!). With each new group of children our goal is to nurture a sense of community, interconnectivity and respect for the natural world.

The Summer Farm Education Intern will gain a foundation in farm-based, outdoor education and learn strategies for group management as well as meeting diverse individual student needs. They will work under the guidance of the education director with groups of children ages 4-10. The Farm Education Intern will work 8:30-12:30 daily throughout the summer with an additional 4-6 hours dedicated to training and planning before summer programs begin. Possibility to add some hours in the farm fields and learning about organic farming if desired (up to 20 hours total). Learn more about our farm and programs at: <https://lexfarm.org/education/>

### **Job Responsibilities:**

1. Work under the guidance of education director and other lead educators to deliver nature-based, all-outdoor, morning education programs to groups of 10-12 students throughout summer 2024.
2. Create and maintain a healthy, safe, and positive environment for children
3. Foster inclusive, collaborative, and supportive community with students, co-workers and student families
4. Meet weekly with education director to reflect on practice and plan for week ahead.
5. Attend safety and curriculum training session at start of summer as well as training(s) on interacting with the farm animals.

### **Desired Experience/Skills:**

- Experience working with children, ideally preschool or elementary ages.
- Passionate about environmentalism and connecting children with nature. Experience working on farms or with children in outdoor settings is a plus.
- Knowledge of early child development and different learning styles.
- Eagerness to learn and ability to be proactive.
- Strong communication skills, strong ability to collaborate. This is a team-teaching position.
- Willingness to work outdoors in all weather conditions
- Punctuality. All staff are expected to be ready to start work promptly when the work day begins.

Benefits include: compensation at \$16.50-18/hour (depending on experience), a half-summer-CSA share, discount on local products in the farm stand, free admission to LexFarm adult education workshops, summer concert and other LexFarm summer events.

### **Non-discrimination Statement**

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, creed, color, religion, or sex including sexual orientation and gender identity, national origin, disability, protected Veteran Status, or any other characteristic protected by applicable federal, state, or local law.

### **To Apply:**

Send a letter of interest describing your experience and qualifications as well as contact info for 2 references to Rachel Curtin at [rachel@lexfarm.org](mailto:rachel@lexfarm.org). Applications are received on a rolling basis and we plan to fill the position by mid-March.

