Farm Laborer

The Farm Initiative at Orchard Valley Waldorf School in East Montpelier, Vermont, is seeking a creative, curious and hardworking individual(s) to begin working alongside Alan LePage; horticulturist, farmer and pioneer of Farmers Markets in Vermont, at Grace Farm in East Montpelier, VT starting immediately. This position will be working closely with Alan LePage supporting the garden efforts currently underway.

Grace Farm is home to Orchard Valley Waldorf School's campus for both mixed-age Kindergarten and Grades 1-8. Our campus is set on a beautiful, 55-acre parcel in the heart of Central Vermont. The farm and meadows encompass around half of the rolling, eastern-sloped property and is bordered by the Kingsbury Branch of the Winooski River. We have a small herd of sheep and goats that our students help to care for as part of our impulse to deepen our connection to the natural world around us.

Our ideal candidate has familiarity in biodynamic and/or organic farming processes and an interest in supporting a permaculture and horticultural working-model farm that will serve our school community and the wider community in Central VT.

It is required of the individual to be hardworking, physically strong and able to work in a variety of weather and terrain, while also having a deep passion and interest for the world around them. Knowledge with chainsaw, garden tools and implements are highly-desirable. The ability to take direction and learn from a 7th generation Vermont Farmer is non-negotiable.

- This is either one or two hourly positions with fluctuating hours during the season of 5-20 hours per week, depending on the interest and skills of the applicants
- Pay is commensurate with experience, with a base rate of \$17.00 per hour
- For the right candidate, this position has the potential to grow.

To apply, submit a resume, a general letter of interest and three references to <u>gracefarm@ovws.org</u>

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