South Shore YMCA Family Farm Summer Internship

Company/Organization Name: South Shore YMCA
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Job, Internship, or Fellowship: Internship
Organization Type: Nonprofit
Location: Hanover, MA
Internship Length: Summer

Summary

The South Shore YMCA Family Farm was created in 2018 with the purpose of giving back to the community through educational opportunities for children and families, donation of fresh produce to local food pantries, and responsible stewardship of the land to protect water resources, native plant species, and wildlife. Located on one acre of previously vacant land, the farm consists of a production field, a children’s learning garden, and raised beds. Organic, sustainable, and regenerative practices are used wherever possible. The farm hosts a variety of educational programs, including frequent interaction with the Hanover Early Learning Center daycare and preschool, summer camps, and special programs for the public.

The internship start date, schedule, and duration can be flexible. The intern will discuss specific internship goals with the internship supervisor to help meet the needs of both the intern and the organization.

Essential Responsibilities

- Field work and general farm operations
- Assist with planning, preparing, and facilitating public programs and special events
- Assist with planning and teaching camp and Early Learning Center programs
- Collaborate within the YMCA departments to meet the organization’s goals
- Represent the South Shore YMCA at community events
- Engage volunteers on the farm

Desired Expertise & Key Skills

The intern should be motivated to work hard, think creatively, and engage with community members with a wide range of ages, backgrounds, and abilities. Some experience with farming, early childhood education, environmental education, or food pantries would be helpful, but is not required.

Compensation: Unpaid