




Quiet Creek Herb Farm & School of Country Living

Brookville, Pennsylvania

	MESA Notes - Public	
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About the Placement:

Detailed Placement Description

If you enjoy natural living, you will love what Quiet Creek has to offer! Quiet Creek Herb Farm & School of Country Living is a non-profit dedicated to increasing the public awareness of conservation, ecological thinking and healthful sustainable living. Come and wander through our lush gardens of organic vegetables, herbs and edible flowers. Explore our 30 acres of nature trails, worm composting system, wind/solar energy system, yurt, earthen oven, straw bale house and benches. We feature our own herbal teas, soaps, salves and mushrooms. We also carry whole foods, local art, essential oils, and literature to enhance healthy living. We provide education-based experiences to schools, churches, organizations and friend/family groups. We offer a wide variety of classes and intensive seminars for students of all ages and levels. Please come visit us and join our sustainable learning community.



Primary Production :

Bees/Honey, Flowers, Goats, Herbs, Tree fruits, Vegetables

About the Internship

Training Hours:

Training 20 hours per week/20 hours of work

Training Expectations :

Weekly schedule, Sun and Mondays off

On-Site Training, Steward's primary activities :

A Northwestern Pennsylvania-based nonprofit organization is seeking a couple to steward its farm school. Quiet Creek Herb Farm & School of Country Living is dedicated to increasing the public awareness of conservation, ecological thinking and healthful sustainable living.

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Current stewards, Claire and Rusty Orner, will transition the farm school to the next generation in 2024. At that time the Orner Team will share their love of sustainable living to communities in developing countries. Up until that transition, the Orners will mentor the



future stewards on site by offering their expertise in the existing learning community model which is based upon collaboration, support ownership and inquiry. Areas of mentoring will include sustainable living, curriculum development, Land & Liturgy, renewable energy, zero waste, organizational design, grant writing, nonprofit bookkeeping, farm maintenance, audience database building, value-added production, marketing structure, and more. The operating budget of the farm school is \$100,000.

Scope of Work

Quiet Creek is looking for a hard-working, creative couple (partners) with skills in sustainable farming, education, artisan folk work, and/or business management to submit a proposal on how the new stewards will integrate their knowledge and skills and/or enrich the farm school model with new and exciting sustainable ideas and techniques (i.e. create a farm to table restaurant, growing food for CSA/restaurants/markets, offer pottery classes, developing coffee roasting, and more, while knowing “the sky is the limit.”

Climate and Location Description

Four seasons, winter cold and snowy, (0 degrees C) spring, summer and fall (15 to 30 degrees C) very pleasant, not humid.

Compensation :

Straw bale apartment and a yurt each housing shares a kitchen, shower, toilet, and sink, Free, daily food, Quiet Creek is educational farm, so lots of classes, etc

Accommodations and amenities provided :

Internet, use of vehicle

Preferred start date :

March 1

Preferred length of internship :



12 months

