



THE COUNTRY EXPERIENCE

• AMSTUTZ FAMILY FARM CAMP •

Resident Farm Coordinator

The Country Experience Amstutz Family Farm
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The Farm: The Country Experience is 34-acre family farm in Elizabeth, Illinois. During the Summer we host children for week-long sleep-away farm camp and guests of all ages for weekend farm-stays. In the Spring and Fall, farm-stays continue while farm camp transitions to overnight school group visits, for between 3-13 days. Visitors appreciate the rural pace, beauty of our land, and the experience of life on a family farm.

Our prepared farm environment is intentionally designed to allow guests to be “inside the fences,” using real tools to do meaningful work. The logical flow of daily chores and projects, care of animals and gardens, and preparation of farm-fresh meals together in the fully licensed commercial kitchen allows children to develop important life skills including communication and responsibility, decision making and team-work and respect for self and others. In the process, they discover a sense of who they are becoming, learn they have value, and build grit and character.

Job Description The Resident Farm Coordinator will work with all guests on the farm--coordinate and host weekend family farm stays, lead special farm camp programs with campers, and handling the logistics behind guest preparations (meals, spaces, bedding, staff, communications). The ideal candidate is a fierce worker and fun to be around, has the ability to jump in to guide or help, can engage with guests and team appropriately, and thrives on the sense of pride and accomplishment after every single day. You are passionate about being fully engaged in farm life-- feedings, gardening, cooking, scheduling, with the ability to work independently and as part of a team. You are passionate about fresh air and meaningful work, an excellent communicator, love to engage with families and youth, highly-organized and efficient, and enjoy hosting guests (cooking, cleaning, entertaining).

The Resident Farm Coordinator is a key member of the farm team, with significant opportunity for earned advancement.

Schedule, Room & Board Full-time, year-around. Start April, 2018. Spring, Summer and Fall responsibilities focus primarily on coordination and hosting of guests as well care of the animals, spaces, gardens and land. Winter months-- as we do not host guests--you will assist in the needs of the farm facilities, animal management, staff hiring and marketing to guests. Weekly schedule varies (April-October work Thursday-Monday, November-April dependent on the needs of the farm). Bedroom, private bathroom in the farm house, groceries provided, kitchen, wi-fi, tv. Paid vacation and holidays.

Duties & Responsibilities-

- **Weekend Farm Stay preparations-** craft confirmation emails, create agenda/menus, set-up cabins and decorations, launder bedding and towels, shop for groceries, bake/prep food, help clean bathrooms/cabins
- **Weekend Hosting-** welcome guests Friday evenings, help cook dinner/breakfasts for guests, kitchen clean up, often engage with families in farm activities (animal feedings, harvest salad/veggies from garden), maintain bathrooms, check-out guests Sunday morning, reset cabins for campers by Sunday afternoon
- **Supervision-** responsible for managing 1-2 counselors to help on weekends. You will work closely with the Camp Manager and Camp Owners on bookings, agendas, menus, and scheduling.
- **Weekday responsibilities-** complete preparations for weekend guests, engage with the farmwork as needed, plan and lead several fun camp activities (night hike, field journals, farm crafts, games) to allow counselors a break.

Duties & Responsibilities of all Farm Staff:

- Help with the meaningful work of the farm--needs of the animals, gardens, kitchen, and land
- Chores you may choose to guide with guests: dishes, feed animals, harvest garden, water, landscape, laundry
- Projects you may choose to guide with guests: baking, canning, harvesting, woodworking, small/large construction, animal cleanings, health checks, rotating animals, fishing, pitting cherries, carding wool, fort building, and so much more
- Garden Projects: tilling, planting, cultivating, and harvesting the large gardens using a variety of landscaping tools
- Play games with campers- sweating and getting dirty alongside them!
- Serve as a “camp parent” which includes assisting with showering procedures, first aid, sunblock, hydration, personal hygiene, rest times, and medication reminders
- Deal with any behavioral needs and issues in a positive and supportive way, model excellent behavior and attitude

Desired Qualifications: Applicant must have some combination of experience with children, coordinating programs, cooking, vegetable gardening, animal care, education, or equivalent. Applicants must have a four-year degree or equivalent work experience and be able to lift 50 lb feed-bag or goat :)

We are an **equal opportunity employer** and value diversity at our company. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, marital status, veteran status, or disability status.

How to Apply: www.thecountryexperience.com/employment/ or email resume to ed@thecountryexperience.com

Compensation: Salary based on experience plus lodging and meals.