

Finca Tres Robles Fall Farm Apprenticeship

Job Description:

Small Places LLC is a small business working to use agriculture to address our city's food access and diet-related health issues. We are young farmers beginning our 5th year in continuing to grow our first farm, Finca Tres Robles, in Houston's East End. On the farm, we highly value the importance of hands-on learning and the long-term nature of learning through doing. With summer drawing to a close, we are excited to include others in the work we do this fall through a farm apprenticeship.

Initially, apprentices will work side by side with the farmer and farm manager but will begin to take work on their own as they grow in comfort and knowledge of the different processes of the farm. While much of what is done on the farm may be considered simple tasks, they are important aspects of the larger, more complex systems that make up a well-run farm.

This is a unique chance for someone truly interested in the field of food and health to not only get hands on experience, but become an integral part of a working farm in the city. Passing on our knowledge and making this a space for our apprentices to learn is very important to us and we will work with them to engage their interests in respect to the farm's mission and work.

By committing to take on our farm apprenticeship you are becoming a vital part of the farm team and the growth of our operation. While farming has its romantic moments, it is hard work that requires care, observation, concentration, focus, learning, and problem solving. We strive to provide the best quality produce, and we do that by taking pride in our work. We strongly believe in the work we do and look for our apprentice to take that on by learning our farm standards and processes.

We view this apprenticeship as a chance for someone to get an incredible learning experience on a startup farm with some amazingly unique opportunities and responsibilities right in the East End.

Responsibilities:

- Contribute to everyday activities of the farm including watering, sowing, transplanting, seeding, weeding, and supporting the farmers in various projects.
- Learn and understand the work, flow, and processes of the farm.
- Assist 1-4x a month during Markets both off and on the farm on Wednesday and/or Saturday including setting up, harvesting, washing, and managing the farm stand/booth.
- Direct and assist volunteers and other help when on the farm.
- Responsible for maintaining good record keeping practices according to company standards.
- Be committed to working at the pace of the farm.
- Various tasks as assigned.

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| Commitment: | 4.5 Months (Aug-Dec) 15-20 hours of work per week (Determined on a case by case basis); 2 Markets per Month |
| Requirements: | Ability to lift 50 lbs + Be on time and consistent, a good communicator, and have desire to learn and grow Willingness to work outdoors in Houston's weather Speak Spanish (a plus but not required) |
| Compensation: | \$7.50/hr for 2 Week Orientation, \$8/hour after Orientation 2-4 Farm Sponsored Excursions Weekly Bag of Farm Produce |
| To Apply: | Please e-mail a resume, brief description of yourself, and what you would like to accomplish personally as a member of the farm. |

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