

## **Summer Intern**

**Earthkeeper Farm, 12062 Fruit Ridge Ave. Kent City, MI 49330**

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**Dates:** June-August

**Hours:** 40+ hours per week, normal work times are 7am to 5pm with an hour off for lunch, 5 days per week. Occasional 6-day workweeks are required. Can accommodate a few vacation days.

**Compensation:** \$100/week plus room and board. Education and training, including weekly/biweekly farm classes.

**Position description:** We are looking for a summer intern to assist with all aspects of small scale, organic farming. This includes: field preparation, tractor work, greenhouse seeding and care, transplanting, cultivation, weeding, irrigation, trellising, harvesting, farmers markets, equipment and building maintenance and construction, animal care, and more. There will be times when the summer intern will be leading volunteers and other workers. Strong communication skills required. Honest, hard working, efficient, non-judgmental, physical endurance, attention to detail, and ability to live and work with many different types of people are some traits we would like to have in the summer intern.

**Position requirements:** Valid drivers license. Willingness to drive small box truck, tractors, and operate power tools and equipment. Ability to lift 50lbs and readiness for the physically rigorous task of farming. Experience spending a lot of time outdoors doing a physically demanding activity (preferably farming; hiking, outdoor sports, or physical outdoor jobs would all fit this criteria.) Since this is a family farm, we ask that you are willing to watch our two year old son from time to time during work time or for additional compensation outside of work.

**Preferred experience:** Previous farm experience preferred. Mechanical and building skills a plus. Experience with volunteer management, retail, physical outdoor work, and/or communal living all would be beneficial.

**Living Situation:** This position is more of a lifestyle than just a job. Applicants should be prepared to live and work with the same people, cook using whole foods, and spend much of their time in the open air. The summer intern will have a shared room with the full season intern. There is a shared composting toilet, outdoor shower, and fully equipped barn kitchen. We provide farm produce and basic staple foods (flour, rice, beans, oatmeal, pasta, and so on). We do our best to provide wireless internet, but the service can be spotty. Illegal substances are not permitted, responsible drinking and smoking outdoors is fine.

Life on the farm involves a lot of hard work, a lot of tasty food, and great people to spend time with. We strive to live in harmony with each other and natural world.