

## Part-time On-Farm Educators wanted

We are looking for 1-2 responsible, highly organized individuals to join our team of On-Farm Educators with Angelic Organics Learning Center. On-Farm Educators facilitate educational programs at the Learning Center for children and adults on a seasonal, part-time basis. Ideal candidates will have experience with organic farming, environmental education, and working with diverse audiences.

Angelic Organics farm serves as our outdoor classroom, including vegetable fields, cover crop fields, pasture, livestock, wild spaces, and orchard. Our programs are experiential, and strive to engage mind, body and heart in the life of the farm. We seek to honor the knowledge and experience of all of our program participants, and to encourage personal reflection and positive actions.

Most programs include a whole farm tour, which is an experiential introduction to the farm emphasizing how soils, animals, plants and people interact on an organic farm. Longer programs may incorporate work projects, nutrition and cooking, food systems literacy, and workshops on organic gardening, sustainable agriculture, or livestock care.

Our age groups range from preschool to adult. Programs may include school groups, community groups, individuals, families, birthday parties and day camps. For more information about our farm-based learning programs, view the "Visit the Farm" section on our website:  
<http://www.learnrowconnect.org/on-farm>

This position is seasonal and part-time, with scheduling done on an as-needed basis. Programs typically range from 2 to 6 hours, with periodic overnights requiring camping with groups. Most programs take place from April to October, with our busiest times in May and September. We anticipate approximately 6-15 days total of programming per educator in 2010, with the possibility to increase hours in future.

Angelic Organics Learning Center helps urban and rural people build local food systems. The Learning Center offers opportunities to grow healthy food and a better quality of life, connect with farmers and the land, and learn agricultural and leadership skills. For more information, please visit [www.learnrowconnect.org](http://www.learnrowconnect.org).

**Aside from working with a talented, fun-loving, and dedicated team, other benefits to employment at AOLC are:**

- Location. Our farm office is located 5 miles east of Highway 90 on Rockton Rd., a short commute from Rockford, Beloit, Roscoe and Rockton. Our office is in a natural/ecological building with passive solar

- heating and a beautiful farmland view.
- Diversity. The farm is rich with a work force of inspiring individuals, frequently from around the world as well as across the country.
  - Spirit. We are proud of our efforts and grateful for the opportunity to work so closely with the land and with others who value food, farming, and local food systems. As a Biodynamic farm, we acknowledge the connections between our healthy spirits, healthy land, and a healthy community.
  - Experience. You will be able to see first hand the joys and challenges of running a farm and a growing non-profit educational organization
  - Training: We will provide training in a variety of skills related to organic farming, sustainable living skills, and working with diverse groups.

#### **Experience/Skills Required:**

- Have work experience in experiential education with diverse groups.
- Have knowledge and experience within the following areas: Biodynamic and/or organic farming practices, livestock care, farm ecology, organic and conventional food systems, nutrition, cooking with whole foods, and other skills for sustainability.
- Be physically able to participate in and lead farm work projects, and to work outdoors in all weather.
- Have a flexible schedule, including potential weekends and periodic overnights.

#### **Other Qualifications:**

- Self-motivated learner
- Highly organized with good communications skills.
- Adaptability, creativity, and independence
- Ability to recognize and use teachable moments.
- Ability to integrate arts, science, personal and group reflection into your work.
- Experienced in cross-cultural environments, and with multiple age groups.
- Have basic computer skills for communicating by e-mail.
- Bi-lingual candidates (English & Spanish) are encouraged.

#### **Essential Responsibilities**

On-farm educators will facilitate education programs for groups of children, youth and adults from diverse backgrounds. This includes:

- Leading orientations, farm tours, work projects, group building activities, workshops (cooking, composting, gardening, etc.), environmental and nutrition education activities, and reflection with visiting groups of up to 25 people in size.
- Attending to safety of participants, and the care and respect of farm

- animals, plants, and the land.
- Assisting with preparation and clean-up of materials, tools, program spaces, bathrooms and grounds.
  - Working cooperatively with team of educators to plan, prepare, implement and reflect on programs.
  - Working with youth assistants, who will help with programs periodically.
  - Attending trainings as needed for new programs, including several shifts with the farm field crew for familiarization with the farm.
  - You will have the opportunity (optional) to propose and lead public workshops for family programs, cooking, gardening skills, use of natural materials, or other skills or arts related to sustainability.

**Reporting:**

This position reports to the On-farm Initiative Program Director.

**Location:**

Angelic Organics Learning Center, 1547 Rockton Road, Caledonia, IL 61011

**Reimbursement:**

On-farm educators will be paid \$8-\$10 per hour, depending on experience.

Please familiarize yourself with our website at [www.learn-grow-connect.org](http://www.learn-grow-connect.org) and then send your cover letter, resume, and contact information for three references via email to [jobs@learn-grow-connect.org](mailto:jobs@learn-grow-connect.org)

No phone inquiries please.

Applications will be received until the position is filled.

**We look forward to receiving your application.**

