



### **Summer Camp Youth Leader Program**

Thank you for your interest in Shelburne Farms Summer Camp Youth Leader Program. Youth Leaders will build leadership skills, receive support in mentorship and gain experience to work with our youngest campers. Camps might visit the pond to dip for critters, meet a newborn calf at the dairy, harvest and taste test produce at the Market Garden, wash and spin our sheep's wool into yarn, bake bread and make butter, build forts and animal homes in the forest, pick kale to roast over a fire, explore the meandering paths of Whimsey Meadow, all while building a community, singing songs, and playing games. All of our camps strive to encourage youth voice, nurture curiosity, and strengthen the connection between children, our food systems, and the natural world.

#### **A Summer Camp Youth Leader is:**

- 14 - 17 years old - prior involvement in camp programs as a Camp Youth Leader (CYL) or camper is not required.
- Interested in working with children.
- Eager to learn more about agriculture, the natural environment, and leadership.
- Excited to be an active part of our education team!

#### **A Summer Camp Youth Leader will:**

- Gain experience working as part of a teaching team with children ages 5 through 8.
- Gain experience being an active role model in our community.
- Assist education staff through participation and leading dynamic outdoor activities, songs, and storytelling.
- Meet with camp educators to develop goals, and share reflections on their experience as a youth leader.
- Gain a greater understanding of the local agricultural and natural landscape.

#### **The logistics of being a Summer Camp Youth Leader are:**

- Start by observing and assisting the staff. As the week progresses CYL's are encouraged to lead activities, games, and songs with children.
- Set a goal for your session and work collaboratively with the education and camp team on it.
- Take part in an afternoon orientation/training in mid-June.
- Make a commitment to one full week of programming, with the possibility of participating in additional weeks.
- CYL's begin their day at 8:30 am and are welcome to participate in Before Care starting at 8:00 am. The camp day ends at 3:00 pm, but CYL's can also participate in staff debriefs which wrap up at 4:00 pm and After Care ending at 5:00 pm (community service opportunity for up to 40 hours per week).
- Program fee is \$50.00 (financial assistance is available).

To become a Summer Camp Youth Leader, have your parent/guardian [sign-in or create a new account online](#) and then complete an online application together. (Please note that if you have been a previous camper, your family already has an account.) Applications will be considered during the January 12-14 placement process. Remaining positions will be reviewed on a rolling basis throughout the spring and summer season.

**Questions:**

- For general questions about the Summer Camp Youth Leader Program, please contact Hannah Corbin, Afterschool and Camp Coordinator, at [workandlearn@shelburnefarms.org](mailto:workandlearn@shelburnefarms.org).
- For application and registration questions, please contact Mariah Hawkins, Education Program Administrator and Registrar, at [registration@shelburnefarms.org](mailto:registration@shelburnefarms.org).

Sincerely,

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