

Early Childhood Educator

Cornell Cooperative Extension Suffolk Little Farmers Preschool

Yaphank, NY 11980

Teacher

Part-time

Onsite

\$18.02 - \$18.02 an hour

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Job Description

Little Farmers Preschool is an outdoor, nature-based, play-based program for children between the ages of 3 and 5. The Preschool Program is from September to June. There is also a 6-week summer program. Children have the opportunity to explore and learn on a 200+ acre farm.

Children will spend most days entirely outside, weather permitting. Inside areas of the farm will be used on those days the weather doesn't cooperate.

- A typical day will find children getting the chance to get up close to a cow, pet a chicken and gather fresh eggs. Learn about the trees and plants around us. Play outside and enjoy the fresh air. Outdoor activities will often get children wet, dirty, hot, and/or cold. Good outdoor clothes are a must, and a change of clothes is always kept on hand for each child. The underlying motto is simple: *There is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothes!*

- Indoor space will be provided if needed. This may include stories, music, construction play, art, dramatic play, snack, etc. Natural themes and materials will be brought in throughout indoor activities.
- All these activities will help support the overall healthy growth and development of children. Skills such as observation, experimentation, and sorting, will allowing for both individual experiences and group sharing. Outdoor discoveries also provide great subjects for all sorts of artistic and verbal expression, and the daily walks help to establish early habits of physical fitness. Most of all, we want children to truly learn how to learn -- developing the curiosity and joy that should pervade all education, while practicing key social skills such as sharing, waiting one's turn, and following simple directions.

Responsibilities

Prepare and assist with Early Childhood Programs, including Little Farmers Preschool. Assist with festivals and special events when necessary. Assist with the day-to-day operations of Farm Education programs if necessary.

This is a part-time permanent 30 hours per week position

Qualifications

Required Qualifications:

- Associate's degree or similar degree with experience in Early Childhood Education or Outdoor Education
- Two years of paid or volunteer experience working with children and the public.
- Ability to lift 10-20 pounds unassisted.
- Ability to meet travel requirements associated with this position.
- Ability to meet acceptable background check standards, if required.
- Ability to work flexible hours, which may include evenings and weekends, as appropriate.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, Environmental Education.
- Additional education and training in the field of education.

- Additional education in the areas of agriculture, animal sciences, natural sciences, human development, and consumer sciences.
 - Additional teaching experience related to educational areas listed above.
 - Experience teaching subjects related to agriculture, animal sciences, natural sciences, human development, and consumer sciences.
 - Experience working in Outdoor Education
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- **Minimum Education Level:** Associate's Degree
 - **Preferred Education Level:** Bachelor's Degree

Application Instructions

Apply at ccesuffolk.org/careers

HOW TO APPLY:

Review of applications will begin immediately. The position will remain open until a qualified pool of candidates is obtained.

Applicants need to:

Attach/upload a **resume** to the online application in either Microsoft Word or PDF format.

Attach/upload a **cover letter** to the online application in either Microsoft Word or PDF format.

Attach/upload **contacts info for three references** to the online application in either Microsoft Word or PDF format.

In the "Experience" section of your application, use the Paperclip icon to search for file(s) or use the "Drop Files Here" box to manually drag document(s) into your application. Once the application is submitted, you will not be able to change your submission or add attachments.

External Applicants: (including current employees of other Cornell Cooperative Extension Associations), please refer to the [Applying for a Job \(External Candidate\)](#) document for additional guidance.

Internal Applicants: Current employees of the Cornell Cooperative Extension Association indicated in this job posting are considered internal applicants; please refer to the [Applying for a](#)

[Job \(Internal Candidate\)](#) document for additional guidance.

The Association may make reasonable accommodations to enable applicants to participate in the hiring process and employees to perform their essential functions. If you require an accommodation to participate in the selection process, you are encouraged to contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County Human Resources at (631) 727-7850 or via email at HR-CCESuffolk@cornell.edu

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Language Requirements

English