



**Program:** Kids! Can! Cook! Summer Day Camp

**Job description:** Counselor

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Hawthorne Valley Farm Learning Center is looking for a summer counselor to work full time at our Kids! Can! Cook! summer day camp. This position will require counselors to teach and participate in growing, preparing, and sharing food, land-based craft activities, hands-on animal care, and practical farm work. Hawthorne Valley Farm is a 400-acre diversified farm in Ghent, New York. The Farm Learning Center serves as a resource to inspire, strengthen, and transform the connection between people and the living land with the goal of providing opportunities to children for farm-based, artistic experiences within the context of a working biodynamic farm.

Kids! Can! Cook! counselors are responsible for guiding children ages 8 to 13 through daily farm, cooking, craft, and garden activities during each 10-day camp session. Counselors need to have a strong commitment to creating experiences that will connect children to the land and foster a greater ecological awareness in later life. Counselors must have a passion for and love of children and the ability to be creative, patient, and flexible.

**Duties and responsibilities:**

- Leading, supporting, and supervising groups of children ages 8 to 13 through daily activities
- Teaching lessons on gardening, agricultural crafts, cooking, and animal care
- Setting a good example for campers and counselors-in-training
- Engaging enthusiastically in all camp activities
- Assisting with set up and clean up for daily activities
- Attending staff planning meetings with the Directors

**Successful candidates should:**

- Have genuine love and enthusiasm for children and farming
- Have experience working with children
- Have experience and/or willingness to learn how to work with children in a farm-based setting
- Have experience with and ability to plan crafts, cooking, farm animals, and/or gardening activities
- Have or be willing to obtain certification in standard first aid and CPR
- Be excellent communicators
- Be enthusiastic, collaborative, lively, and fun!

**Dates:** June 20 to August 19, includes mandatory staff training

**Salary:** \$2500 including room with some meals provided

**How to apply:** Please send a cover letter describing your interest and qualifications to Rachel Schneider via mail to 327 County Route 21C, Ghent NY 12075 or by email to [rachel@hawthornevalleyfarm.org](mailto:rachel@hawthornevalleyfarm.org). Please include two references.

**Deadline:** Please submit your applications in as soon as possible!

**For more information:** [www.hawthornevalleyfarm.org](http://www.hawthornevalleyfarm.org) or [rachel@hawthornevalleyfarm.org](mailto:rachel@hawthornevalleyfarm.org)