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"Dedicated to nutritional health
and environmental sustainability"

Organic Farm Internships 2012

Green Earth Institute has a 49-acre diversified organic vegetable farm located in the western suburbs of Chicago. We lease the farm land at the McDonald Farm, owned by The Conservation Foundation, in south Naperville. The farm is the centerpiece of the Green Earth Institute, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to nutritional health and environmental sustainability.

This will be our tenth year of farming. Our major market is our CSA, which has grown to over 600 households. For the 2012 season we are planting 40 different vegetables and herbs on approximately 18 of our acres.

Green Earth Institute has four internship positions available for persons who are interested in helping with and learning about organic vegetable farming in the 2012 season. Our plan is to have interns work the period from April 16 to September 14.

Interns have the opportunity to learn about farming by doing, including planting, cultivating, greenhouse operations, harvesting, and post-harvest handling. In addition, as members of the Collaborative Regional Alliance for Farmer Training (CRAFT), we make it possible for our interns to take part in off-farm learning experiences--CRAFT workshops at organic farms in the region periodically through the season.

Applicants should be physically capable, energetic, and willing to work outside in the weather. Intern work hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. We provide an intern stipend of \$9.50/hour (\$380/wk.) plus farm vegetables in season. Individuals with farm experience may qualify for a higher wage. Housing is not available at the farm, so this internship opportunity is best suited for people residing in the western suburbs of Chicago who can drive/bicycle to the farm.

If you are interested in the position, please email mlemos@greenearthinstitute.org to receive a 2012 internship application. Shorter, unpaid internships spanning only the summer months are possible, depending on candidates.