

POSITION:

Farm Education Coordinator
Spring, Summer, Fall 2025
Burgess Outdoor Education & Retreat Center
YMCA Camp Burgess & Hayward | Sandwich, MA

Join our vibrant and dedicated community at the Burgess Outdoor Education & Retreat Center, a beautiful YMCA facility nestled on over 300 acres of forested land on Cape Cod. Our property includes three freshwater ponds, two state-of-the-art high ropes courses, a low ropes teambuilding course, a climbing tower, an educational farm, recreational waterfront, hiking trails, and overnight and dining facilities. At Burgess, we strive to inspire curiosity, foster stewardship, and build community through engaging outdoor experiences for all ages.

Farm Education Coordinator Job Duties

The Farm Education Coordinator is a key leadership position designed for an individual passionate about farming, education, and outdoor experiences. This role offers an exciting opportunity to manage the farm's educational programs and farm operations, including crop production, compost management, animal care, and staff leadership. The Farm Education Coordinator will collaborate closely with the Farm Director and Summer Camp leadership to deliver engaging educational programming for a variety of groups, from summer campers to school and retreat groups of all ages.

SPRING and FALL 2025:

Assist in the planning and organization of farm programs for school groups and outdoor education participants along with supporting farm maintenance and program development. Along with facilitating experiential outdoor programs for overnight youth groups, emphasizing environmental education, team-building, and leadership development.

SUMMER 2025:

Serve as an Farm Assistant Director in our summer camp program, facilitating farm programming for summer campers. Along with training and supervision of summer farm staff.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Passion for working outdoors with youth, teens, and adults.
- Desire to facilitate environmental, teambuilding, and challenge course programs.
- 21+ years old with a degree in a relevant field or equivalent experience.
- Current American Red Cross Lifeguard/First Aid/AED certification or willingness to obtain.
- Ability to work effectively as a team player in a collaborative residential setting.
- Comfort with giving and receiving constructive feedback.
- Physical ability to spend long hours outdoors, engaging in active facilitation in varying weather conditions.

HOURS:

Expect long, rewarding days spent outdoors, with work hours aligned to guest needs. Evening and weekend work is required. You will have two days off for every five days worked.

COMPENSATION:

We offer competitive pay starting at \$100 per day, with an increase to \$106 per day for those who have a lifeguard certification. Additionally, we provide comfortable staff housing, all meals while you are working, access to the kitchen, laundry facilities, and internet. Cape Cod is a fantastic place to live, and you will have access to a wide range of outdoor recreation equipment to help you enjoy it!

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Email a resume to hroberts@ssymca.org