

## **TWO INTERNS SOUGHT FOR 2010 SEASON**

Rainbeau Ridge Farm  
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### **Overview:**

Tucked into a quiet corner of Bedford Hills off a dirt road, Rainbeau Ridge is the embodiment of a dream. Created in 2002 by Lisa Schwartz and her husband, Mark, with a fascination, appreciation and respect for the natural resources available in their own backyard, the Schwartz's are focused on recapturing the gentleman's farm that once encompassed this space and on sharing this open space, and its products, with others.

Rainbeau Ridge, a model of sustainable suburban agriculture, includes a small-scale egg operation, organic vegetable gardens, a restored orchard, small pastures and barns designed for the farm's many animals, and a cheese house, where Lisa cultivates her fine farmstead goat cheese.

Now an important center of neighbor and community life, the farm also offers a variety of educational programs for children and adults.

**Internship Overview:** Two positions are available March 1 through November 1, with housing and stipend, that will incorporate responsibilities in the areas of livestock, cheesemaking, market gardening and ag education (for children); Specific job descriptions will be crafted to match candidates depending upon skills, background and interests. Generally, one intern will be hired for each area of primarily gardening or livestock/cheesemaking responsibilities.

**Opportunity/Responsibilities:** To be part of a dynamic, growing, non-traditional farm business. Unique chance to be hands on in all aspects of market gardening, livestock care, and ag education. We value excellence, have high standards and appreciate individuals who can work in a fluid environment. Responsibilities will be commensurate with experience, drive and initiative.

**Internship details:** Early Spring is a busy time at Rainbeau Ridge with kidding season unfolding and preparation for the season's garden getting underway. Hours are long and sometimes unpredictable (you never know when a doe will kid and we try to be there at all births). With weekly kids' programs (for children from 2-years old through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) and other rich programs for children and adults, there's always something cookin' at the farm and we want you to be involved. With summer's arrival, the produce operation is in full swing, cheese is being produced daily and on farm visitors stream in. Farmers' markets or our on farm CAP program will involved customer interaction. By fall, we work hard to coax out the last of the garden, drying and preserving the harvest for winter consumption.

Interns will work a five day work week of long days. In the livestock area, a typical day will involve morning chores (feeding, haying and watering) with an eye on animal health status. Knowing the animals by critically evaluating and observing them daily is essential. Training will be provided in order that interns master morning milkings of our three dozen dairy goats. Spring time is filled with newborn kids and the associated care and bottle feedings. Working the market garden, this intern fully participates in the range of activities from soil and bed preparation to seeding to harvesting to on farm sales. There is room for both interns to take a significant role in our children's educational programs.

In addition to being part of a small, dynamic team, interns are encouraged to select a topic or project, taking ownership of the issue and producing independent product by the end of the season.

**Qualifications:** Ideal candidates must be hard working, interested in sustainable agriculture with an emphasis on goats, produce for CSA/market or ag education for young children. Interns must not be afraid to jump in, take initiative and assume responsibilities. A conscientious individual who follows through, is curious, seeking answers and asking questions, will thrive here. Physical stamina is essential as all positions require heavy lifting from time to time. A balanced ability to work as a team member as well as independently is essential. The ideal candidates will have an educational background in related fields or demonstrated relevant experience.

**Timing:** Beginning March 1 through November; only full season commitments

**Stipend:** \$1,000 per month

**Housing:** Provided along with phone, internet to right candidate; Board is not provided but excess harvest is as available.

**Applications:** Accepted on a rolling basis and will be considered as they come in. We expect to make decisions by February 15<sup>th</sup> but will do so immediately should the right individual come along sooner. Experience is a plus, but strong consideration will be given to enthusiastic individuals willing to work hard and with verifiable references. Submit resume and cover letter by email or mail. Follow up will be by email and phone. Final decisions will be made only after an on farm interview.