

Star Island Sustainable Food and Waste Systems Intern

Star Island is part of the Isles of Shoals, a small group of islands just off the coast of Maine and New Hampshire. The island is home to a seasonal conference center serving nearly 300 guests and operated by just over 100 staff members. Star Island is a great place to be a part of a dynamic community, experience island living, and enjoy a unique natural environment.

Duties

The Sustainable Food and Waste Systems Intern will work to close the loop in Star Island's food and waste systems, from purchasing recyclable or compostable products to raising chickens and growing vegetables for use on-island.

This will be accomplished through:

- ◆ Compost Management
 - Identifying and working to find creative and effective methods to “close the loop” and convert food waste into beneficial products (such as soil!) that can be used on-island.
 - Daily maintenance of on-island compost piles (setting up, temperature readings, turning).
 - Improving and expanding island compost program in order to effectively process more food waste on-site.
 - Daily maintenance of island's biosolids compost (temperature readings, turning).
- ◆ Vegetable and Flower Garden Management
 - Planning, routine maintenance, planting and crop rotation, basic equipment maintenance, irrigation lay-out and repair, weeding, harvesting, processing (washing and weighing), preserving (drying, canning).
 - Interfacing with food service department management to provide food/food products for staff and guests (up to 1200 meals/day June-September)
 - Daily care and oversight of island poultry flock (30-60 broilers)
- ◆ Outreach and Volunteer Coordination
 - Organize and coordinate WWOOFers and other volunteers for specific garden projects, work days, or routine tasks.
 - Work to improve awareness and support of island food system through blog updates, tours, signage/displays, projects, and volunteer opportunities.
 - Organize workshops and events (ex: poultry processing, food preservation) for staff and guests.
- ◆ Serving as a resource for food service management to identify local food sources.
- ◆ Serving as resource for sourcing compostable and recyclable disposable products for food service, snack bar, and hotel use.
- ◆ Completing special projects as assigned by the Environmental Services Manager

Dates: May 26th – September 5th 2014 (flexible)

Compensation: A stipend of \$1250 will be provided upon successful completion of the internship, which also provides the opportunity to earn 3-6 credits through the intern's institute of study. Room and board is provided, including all meals, dormitory-style accommodations in staff quarters, and a rustic island environment with showers limited to 3/week. Island residency is required 5-6 days/week with transportation to and from the island provided from Star Island's dock in Portsmouth, NH.

Qualifications

- ◆ Student pursuing degree in sustainable agriculture, environmental sciences, or related field
- ◆ Proven communication skills and ability to speak publicly in group settings
- ◆ Safe, cooperative, respectful individuals who will thrive in the close working and living quarters of Star Island's remote setting

To Apply: Please send resume, cover letter, and references to Kristen Simard at ksimard@starisland.org by March 28th, 2014.

See www.starisland.org for more information about the island!