**HANCOCK SHAKER VILLAGE**

Job Description

Lead Livestock Staff

**Description:** The Lead Livestock employee at HSV is responsible for a variety of tasks related to the wellness of our livestock and the experience of our visitors in the barn. It is a 70/30 split between barn tasks and programming tasks. They work closely with the Director of Farm and Facilities and our CSA manager to keep the whole farm healthy, happy, and sustainable. All educational programming is put together in coordination with the Director of Education.

**Reports To:** Director of Farm and Facilities – Billy Mangiardi

**About the Position:**

30 hours/week year round (roughly 40 hrs/week April-October, 20 hr/week November-March)

$14/hour depending on experience

A typical day starts with morning feeding and cleanings, to be completed before the village opens at 10 AM. A variety of tasks will take up the rest of the day, including small repair projects, interacting with visitors who come through the dairy ell, health care tasks (which often turn into impromptu demonstrations for visitors!), and keeping the barn tidy throughout the day. In the afternoon, the Lead Livestock employee is responsible for all feeding and bringing in the chickens.

This job requires an individual who can work outside in all weather conditions, including in extreme winter weather, someone who is self-motivated and independent, but who works well as part of a team. We encourage anyone to apply, regardless of experience, but would like to prioritize individuals who see farming as an important part of their future. This position gives someone the opportunity to shape many aspects of their experience and thus shape the barn-centric programming offered by the village. The work is demanding, but HIGHLY rewarding. Tractor experience a plus.

**Essential Duties:**

Manage all barn feeding and cleaning, delegate tasks to other barn staff

Conduct routine healthcare for animals

Vaccinations

Deworming

Hoof Trimming

Scheduling annual vet exam

Create birthing and mating schedules

Work with and help Coordinate the meat CSA

Determine how much lamb, beef, and pork we need

Schedule slaughter dates with Hilltown Pork

Put together monthly pickups for meat CSA members

Maintain all barn supplies, inventory and restock

Make bi-weekly grain orders

Assist in a variety of educational programs

Assist interpreters with camp and school groups in the barn

Put together activities for the HSV summer sessions

Assist during the Behind the Scenes Tour during Baby Animals

Manage volunteers from school programs, to adult individuals, and beyond

Help coordinate the HATCH incubator loan program

Lead a monthly barn tour during the summer, focusing on a different animal each month.

**About HSV:**

The 750-acre Hancock Shaker Village operates as a living-history museum open to the public with 20 authentic Shaker buildings, rich collections of Shaker furniture and artifacts in rotating exhibits, a full schedule of activities and workshops, a mile-long hiking trail and picnic areas, store and cafe, and a working farm with extensive gardens and heritage-breed livestock.

Farming has been at the heart of Hancock Shaker Village for over 200 years. Today we operate a vibrant working farm that continues the Shaker tradition by practicing a distinctive kind of farming, based in both historic Shaker farming principles and modern regenerative agriculture. We believe that ecological health, thriving crops, happy livestock, and human wellness are inseparable, and are committed to sharing the abundance and traditions of our farm with our community. We invite you to come share in our bounty. Eat with us, learn with us, and grow with us. We are fortunate to have many types of livestock at our farm: sheep, goats, cows, pigs, chickens, and even two miniature donkeys!