

## **Job Title: Food Systems and Cooking Educator**

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Work site: Ithaca Children's Garden, southern end of Cass Park, Route 89, Ithaca

Wage: \$13.00 per hour

Hours per week: 25 (35 hrs/wk - June 11-22 and August 6-17)

Start Date: June 11, 2018

The mission of Ithaca Children's Garden is to inspire the next generation of environmental stewards through engaging hands-on activities, child-led explorations, and embodying the Playwork Principles of supporting child-led free play.

Plan and deliver garden-based education activities and cooking projects for Ithaca Children's Garden summer campers ages 3-5 and 6-12. Utilize the 6,000 sq foot vegetable garden, flock of hens, beehives, and kids' kitchen to introduce children to garden ecology and cooking with garden fresh produce.

Individuals in this position will work directly with young children, fellow mentor/playworkers, and ICG educators and staff.

### Responsibilities:

- Plan, deliver, and evaluate food systems and cooking activities for children ages 3-5 and 6-12
- Document activity plans and associated resources
- Work alongside Camp Director and Assistant Camp Director to determine how activities fit with weekly themes and daily schedules
- Collaborate with Facilities Manager and Teen Urban Farmers program leader
- Assist camp mentor/playworkers with general camp support when needed
- Participate in staff training and daily/weekly reflections

### Requirements:

- Experience planning informal education activities in outdoor settings
- Experience working with children ages 3-12
- Comfort with working outdoors in various weather conditions, including rain, heat and humidity
- Hands-on cooking and teaching experience
- Understanding of food systems and food gardening
- Desire to mentor and support young children as unique individuals, meeting them where they are developmentally
- Previous summer camp experience and First aid/CPR certification helpful but not required

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