

Goat Dairy Farm Staff

The goat dairy at Hildene Farm (part of Hildene, the Lincoln Family Home) would like to add to our small, dedicated, hard-working team. At the goat dairy we raise and milk a small herd of registered Nubian goats. Our milk is made into artisanal cheese and small batches of soap. The goat dairy is a state-of-the-art facility open to guests to learn about goats, farming and the cheese making process. In addition, the goat dairy is part of Hildene's larger educational mission and hosts school groups, day camps, workshops, and other types of programming.

Position is full time, 40 hours per week, on the farm side of the operation. Work at the dairy includes but is not limited to: herd maintenance such as hoof trimming and vaccinations, milking, milk handling, breeding, kidding, new kid and new mom care, frequent cleaning of barns, and maintenance of farm grounds. All staff members are expected to create a welcoming environment for guests, answer questions, as well as work with a large group of volunteers.

Farm work is physically demanding and dirty work, requiring long hours in all kinds of weather conditions. The ideal candidate will be able to:

- Lift and carry 50lbs repeatedly
- Stand on your feet for extended periods of time
- Adjust quickly to changing circumstances by taking initiative and problem solving. (Goats are unpredictable!)
- Work at least one weekend day
- Cover two early morning milking shifts 5:30 am-1:30pm
- Work as part of a team and independently
- Demonstrate effective communication skills, the ability to take direction and ask questions for clarification
- Give guest tours and assist with educational programs
- Operate, or willingness to learn how to operate, a farm tractor and various machinery, including weed trimmer, lawn mower, etc.
- Have background in animal husbandry, especially goats or other livestock - helpful but not required.
- The most important requirements are a strong work ethic, excellent attitude, and willingness to learn.

Please send a letter of interest and references to: Misty Hosley, Goat Dairy Manager:

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