



Organization Overview

Founded in 2000, Calypso Farm and Ecology Center's mission is to promote local agriculture and environmental awareness through hands-on education in natural and farming ecosystems. We do this through a variety of educational programs – for young and old – both on the farm and in the community. In all of our programs, we strive to increase access to and awareness of the benefits of purchasing and eating local foods.

EATinG Program Leader

Terms: Part time ~ 20-25 hours per week

Dates: May 20th —August 6th

Wage: \$15.00/hour + weekly share of school garden vegetables

Number of Positions: three

To be filled by: Open until filled

Additional Info: 18 or older—preference given to applicants who have participated in the EATinG program in the past. Calypso encourages, Alaska Natives and other people of color to apply.

What is the EATinG Program?

The EATinG Program - Engaging Alaskan Teens in Gardening - is a hands-on, leadership-focused gardening program for youth ages 11-16. Students apply to participate in the EATinG program, which is offered at no cost to the students. The program is offered in two four-week sessions at each of the Hunter, Pearl Creek & Woodriver Elementary School Gardens. Student Gardeners work in a team to prepare, plant, harvest vegetables and run weekly farm stands. They also cook and eat from the garden on a regular basis. For each week in the EATinG Program, Student Gardeners receive “Veggie Bucks” which they can use to bring home vegetables from the Farm Stand Each week.



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An EATinG Leader will be assigned to each of the three gardens, where they will work with a group of up to 12 EATinG Student Gardeners to plant, harvest and care for the gardens. The EATinG leader will work to create a positive team environment as Student Gardeners work on garden tasks, do team building and leadership activities and run the weekly Farm Stand, selling garden grown produce to the public. During the first week, EATinG Leaders will get acquainted with the gardens, develop team building/engagement exercises and plan programming. EATinG Leaders will touch base and debrief the program each week, and will also meet with Calypso's School Garden Manager for weekly guidance on gardening tasks.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Provide a safe and enriching environment for program participants
- Lead EATinG students in garden care, including planting and harvesting
- Facilitate leadership and team-building activities
- Follow all policies, especially regarding safety
- Assist with garden maintenance activities as directed

Qualifications

- Energetic, positive with a passion for working with youth
- Gardening or farming experience (preferred, not required)
- Experience working with youth
- Reliable
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills
- Respect for all people regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, etc.
- Belief in Calypso's mission (see overview above)
- Flexible and friendly

- Must pass a background check
- First Aid & CPR certified (training provided)

Application Guidelines:

Please send a copy of your resume, 3 work related (school related also accepted) references and answers to the following questions to Susan Willsrud, Calypso Farm Director—calypsosusan@gmail.com. We will then contact you about interviews!

1. Describe why you are interested in being the EATinG Program Leader:
2. Describe any outdoor/environmental education experience that you have:
3. Describe why you want to work with youth in a school garden setting:
4. Describe any farm or garden experience that you have (preferred but not required):
5. If you were a vegetable, what would you be and why?
6. How did you hear about the position?



We are accepting applications on a rolling basis—so apply now! Feel free to contact Susan at calypsosusan@gmail.com with any questions.

