Organization Name: Berea Mennonite Church - Oakleaf Farm

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Organization’s Mission Statement: Oakleaf Mennonite Farm is a ministry of Berea Mennonite Church. It exists as a reminder that humanity first met God in a garden and the God of Israel is still tilling and sowing and tending and harvesting the New Creation into being in us and all around us. Our goals include careful stewardship of our land, the production of good food for ourselves and our neighbors, and sharing in the lessons and fellowship and holy labor that farms invite

Summary of organization’s primary programs and services: We operate a 9 acre organic farm on 9 urban acres in Atlanta. We produce crops and eggs for sale at market and for a CSA program. Half of our land is dedicated to the production of food for neighbors and the unfortunate in Atlanta. We use the farm to teach children and youth about work, where food comes from, and the peace of good labor. We also use it as a backdrop for peace camps aimed at teaching a life of non-violent resistance to those institutional forces which work against the freedoms and needs of people. Our summer work is especially focused on providing three one-week summer camp experiences – Peace and Carrot Camps – for ages 5 to 12 and all economic, racial, and religious backgrounds. Last year, 85% of campers received at least partial scholarships and 75 of our campers were homeless children from Action Ministries, Inc. The intern will also assist with the Neighbors’
Garden which gives all of its food away and will help host and supervise 150-200 youth volunteers from Door Atlanta, a service ministry of Mennonite Church USA and other partner organizations.

**Intern’s title:** Assistant Farmer

**Number of interns requested by your organization?** One or two.

**Internship project/job description:** Helping with day to day activities on the farm, working outside in the elements (very hot in the summer months), planting, harvesting, weeding, assisting at farmers markets and CSA pickups. More specifically, we would really like for the intern to work with our farmer to develop, organize and implement a strategy for minimizing food waste and maximizing recycling on the farm. For example, being responsible for organizing the collection of blemished fruits and vegetables that can't be sold at market or to CSA members and helping the farmer arrange for delivery or pick up to food kitchens etc. Working closely with the camp director and staff and with DOOR Atlanta volunteers.

**Qualifications:** Intern should have an interest in food and local food production. We ask that interns be capable of working physically hard outside for at least 8 hours in the Summer and be capable of carrying at least 30 lbs. for 15 minutes. Interns will also need to take direction, have good organizational skills, communicate concerns, and work in a variety of tasks, and well with others.

**If there are other requirements for this position, security check, drug screen, immunizations, please note them here:** The church requires a background check for all applicants because there are often children on the property in our day camps and our pre-school. It can be secured through the Agnes Scott Police Department for $20. A recent tetanus shot is recommended but not required. Proper work attire will be required – work boots, heavy jeans, long-sleeved shirts.

**Will the internship require that the student have a car?** No.

**Is placement accessible by public transit/other transport options?** Yes