



Noojmowin Teg Health Centre  
**Local Food Manitoulin – Farm Staff**  
Part-Time 10 Week Contract



**Job Summary:**

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre and Local Food Manitoulin are inviting applications for Farm Staff on a part-time 10 week contact. Under general direction of the Local Food Manitoulin Project Manager and Indigenous Foods Coordinator, the Farm Staff will work primarily at the Myengenuk Gizhekeking Endaat (MGE) Farming for Community project in Sheguiandah.

The Farm Staff will assist the MGE Farming for Community team in succession planting, weeding, harvesting, processing, maintenance and distribution (including community pop-up markets across the Manitoulin District). Staff will be required to safely carry out physical labour outdoors in all weather conditions. Staff will experience opportunity to learn all aspects of a diversified farming operation. Opportunities for learning and skills development: exposure and experience with beekeeping, alpaca farming, fruit orchard maintenance and harvesting, fruit and berry harvesting and processing. The staff will assist the LFM Project Manager and Indigenous Foods Coordinator with other project duties as required.

The position entails a minimum of 20 hours per week and staff will be compensated at \$16-20/hour. Weekly hours may be flexible and will be negotiated with Local Food Manitoulin Project Manager. Some exceptions will be made for mandatory attendance.

**Information about MGE Farm:**

MGE Farm is a 300 acre parcel of land off Townline Road owned by Richard Lathwell. Lobo Loco Alpacas (a business on the farm) provides a local source of sustainable fibre products on Manitoulin Island. The healthy and happy alpaca herd produces an abundance of soft durable fibres.

Other products include Richard's Honey, which won the Sudbury District Beekeepers Association honey contest in 2018 and 2019, 8 varieties of apples, an abundance of other edible fruit and berry trees and shrubs, seasonal vegetables, and alpaca manure (a natural deer deterrent).

Richard has made two large plots available for MGE Farming for Community project in 2020. Richard also hosts school field trips to visit the alpacas and hosts a ducks unlimited wetland dam and the creek that flows from it runs through the forested area. Richard plans to open a hiking trail accessible to the public in the future. No chemicals of any kind have been used on the farm for at least 20 years and the neighboring landowners share similar values.

*Given the traditional practices of the Anshinabek, from time to time, exposure to wood smoke and the burning of sacred medicines, including tobacco, sweet grass, sage or cedar, may occur within the work setting.*

*Noojmowin Teg Health Centre and Local Food Manitoulin follow strict health and safety protocols to ensure the safety of all our staff and market participants during the COVID 19 pandemic. All staff will be expected to follow our COVID 19 procedures on and off the farm.*

**Requirements of the Position:**

- physically capable for farm duties and repetitive tasks, enjoys manual labour
- ability to work with our team with a positive attitude
- ability to spend independent time on a project and complete instructions/expectations
- understand that there is an expectation to maintain a pace of work to meet deadlines (ex. Pop-up markets scheduled for communities)
- responds well to instruction and feedback, adaptable
- ability to problem solve effectively when unsupervised and communicate issues to supervising staff as they occur
- Ability to independently commute to and from work site in Sheguiandah for all scheduled shifts
- Understanding and sensitivity for the Anishinabe culture

**Additional assets:**

- Experience working on a farm, specifically eco-friendly
- Current CPR C and First Aid Certification
- Experience working in First Nation communities
- Knowledge of, and/or willingness to learn, traditional teachings related to food and medicines and local food providers and services within the Manitoulin Island catchment area

**Pre-requisites:**

Please submit the following, no later than **4:00p.m. July 20, 2020:**

- Letter of application and resume
- List of three current references: name and contact information
- Current Vulnerable Sector Criminal Reference Check (dated no later than three months)

**Send “Confidential” to: Attn:** Kristin Bickell, Project Manager  
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