Title: Summer Camp Field Educator	Reports to: Summer Camp Director
Hours: 8:30 - 4:00 (Camp runs from 9am-3pm)	Status: Non-Exempt, Part-Time, Seasonal Rate: \$18/hr

Education Team Description:

Merck Forest and Farmland Center's (MFFC) Education Team is responsible for ensuring that all constituents (visitors, participants, volunteers, etc.) have access to high quality, mission focused opportunities to deepen their connection to the land by exploring ecosystem structure and processes, observing and participating in regenerative agriculture and sustainable forestry, and developing a personal land ethic.

Position Description:

The Field Educator, with the assistance of a camp counselor, will lead week-long summer camp sessions, facilitating a positive camp experience of exploration and learning for all participants. Field Educators are responsible for planning, leading, and implementing camp programming with exciting and interesting hands-on activities around agriculture, forest, and aquatics. Field Educators will provide high quality experiences focusing on environmental topics for campers ranging in age from Grade 1 through Grade 8.

Responsibilities:

- Collaborate with the Education Manager and Education Director to help design and deliver nature-based camp programs for Grades 1 - 6 focused on the woods, farm, and water.
- Collaborate with the Education Manager and Education Director to help design and deliver nature-based camp programs for Grades 7 & 8 focused on survival and backcountry skills and land stewardship.
- Facilitate group building activities throughout the week that build a strong and cohesive team that values everyone's voice, ideas, and needs.
- Communicate with Education Manager and/or Education Director, and parents about camper experiences and concerns.
- Document and report incidents and to Education Manager and/or Education Director, giving up dates as needed.
- Maintain open communications with Camp Counselor assigned to camp.
- Supervise and support Camp Counselor, delegating some activities and responsibilities to allow for clear opportunities for leadership, and giving constructive feedback.
- Know and understand all emergency procedures and safety guidelines associated with the camp program and Merck Forest and Farmland Center.
- Administer first aid as needed for injuries and illness, and document all care given.

Requirements:

- Age 21 or older
- Undergraduate or advanced degree in education or environmental field.
- 2 or more years' experience teaching children in classroom and/or field settings, or experience as a field naturalist or biologist along with a natural affinity for education and a high comfort level instructing children at various ages.
- Ability to teach and make decisions as part of a collaborative team.
- Knowledgeable in outdoor and survival skills such as tracking, shelter building, knot tying, group building initiatives.
- Comfortable handling small, harmless wildlife, including insects, reptiles, and amphibians.
- Experience with working with students in an outdoor setting.
- Willingness to be flexible and ready to meet changing work needs and demands.
- A supportive and non-punitive approach to discipline
- Demonstrate leadership skills
- Ability to pass FBI background check
- Wilderness First Aid and CPR/AED (WFR preferred)

Special Demands:

- Able to hike 3 5 miles
- Able to carry a minimum of 25 pounds.