Position Announcement:

Part-time Farmhand and Caretaker at the historic Henry H. Uhrich Farm

The historic Henry H. Uhrich Farm

includes 120 acres of mixed topography on the eastern border of Larimer County, CO near the town of Johnstown. The 120 acres includes approximately 60 acres of tillable land and 60 acres of mixed pasture, wetlands, bluffs with some extraordinary views of the front range and beautiful frontage along the Big Thompson River. The land has been farmed biodynamically and/or organically for the last 25 years with good soil fertility. Crops grown include rye, barley, corn, alfalfa, hemp and vegetables. The farm also has a small flock of sheep.



The farm is managed by Dana Burns, the farm owner, together with a farm team consisting of offsite, paid help and volunteers. Uhrich Farm is also home to the Cresset Center, which carries out educational events and activities on the farm . The Farmhand and Caretaker will live on the farm, be an active member of the Farm Team, and assist in all the activities associated with caring for the farm, buildings, and equipment. We are seeking a mature, responsible, non-smoking individual who has some farming experience, is comfortable working hard, and enjoys being part of a team. Note, that drug and alcohol use are not allowed on the farm.

Responsibilities:

- Help maintain homestead and farmstead gardens (these consist of about 2 acres of herbs and vegetables)
- Animal chores (currently there are 10 sheep living on the farm)
- Assist with building, mechanical and fence repairs
- Assist with farming chore activities
- Work closely with other Farm Team members and participate in Farm Team meetings
- Maintain trailer in good condition, including winterizing, repairs, routine maintenance, etc.

Time Commitment: 20 hours per week

Required Qualifications

- Strong work ethic
- Good team player
- Frugality and integrity
- A high level of at least one of: farming, mechanical, or carpentry skills, the more the better!
- Some experience operating farm equipment safely and responsibly
- Alignment with mission of the farm and of the Cresset Center

Preferred Qualification

- Experience milking and managing dairy cows
- Experience managing other livestock
- Interest and knowledge of natural building design/construction, solar electric installation

Compensation

- Free lodging in a brand-new Forest River mobile home (Model Flagstaff Microlite 25 BRDS) on a beautiful, quiet, peaceful farm. Based on the results of a 3-month trial period, we will consider a longer-term lease on the trailer.
- Three months of free utilities (utilities will be negotiated afterwards based on usage and cost during the first 3 months).
- Garden space for personal use
- A share of the meat and produce produced on the farm
- Opportunity to start your own venture, expand responsibilities and compensation if things work our well.



To Apply

Please send a cover letter, resume and two references to Dana Burns at dalycabu@yahoo.com