

# Vida Verde Nature Education Assistant Farm Manager (PT)



## MISSION STATEMENT

**Vida Verde is a nonprofit that promotes educational equity by providing free, overnight, environmental learning experiences for students who don't otherwise get the opportunity.**

Vida Verde has a long history of achieving remarkable results through its mission-driven organization and high-quality programs delivered free of charge, for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade youth from underserved communities. We are a small, tightly-knit, excited non-profit. Our jobs are the BEST, and so are the people who work here!

The **Assistant Farm Manager** will assist the Facilities and Farm Manager (FFM) to maintain Vida Verde's educational facilities, farm, and landscapes. Our site includes a ½-acre garden with annual row crops, a small goat herd, 30 hens, a small orchard; as well as vehicles, residences, and offices. The position is ideal for someone who is experienced with landscape or property maintenance, and who is handy, physical, detail-oriented, thorough, motivated, and versatile.

**This position is a 20 hr/week, regular part-time position.** Work will be under the supervision and direction of the Facilities and Farm Manager. A consistent weekly schedule is required and will be determined upon hire.

## Assistant Farm Manager Responsibilities

*Duties may include, but are not limited to:*

- Landscaping: mowing, weeding, trimming, pruning, fence repair.
- Cleaning and maintaining assets (vehicles, buildings, hot tub, etc).
- Garden Tasks: weeding, sowing, transplanting, shaping beds, irrigation.

- Goat care: milking, feeding, pasture care.
- Chicken care: feeding, cleaning coop, collecting eggs.
- Prepping the site for donor visits and events.
- Site improvement; including infrastructure upgrades and special projects.
- Assistance hosting volunteer groups and leading projects.

\*This position does not have supervisory responsibilities.

\*This is not a teaching/youth leadership position and does not require teaching experience.

### **Qualifications of a strong applicant**

- o Inspired by the Vida Verde mission.
- o Responsible and reliable.
- o Experience with maintenance, livestock, gardening, and the outdoors.
- o Able to work outside, standing or kneeling for long periods; can lift 50+ lbs.
- o Able to follow directives and work unsupervised.
- o Versatile and organized; attentive to cleanliness and detail.
- o Committed to excellence and full of integrity.
- o Positive attitude

### **Compensation: \$12-15/hr, Dependent on Experience**

Part-time employees are eligible for coverage by the organization's medical, dental, and vision insurance plans, and also receive paid sick leave.

**Site:** Vida Verde's farm site is located at 3540 La Honda Road, San Gregorio, CA 94074. This is a 25-acre property along San Gregorio Creek, 1 hour from San Francisco and 45 minutes from Santa Cruz. The nearest town is Half Moon Bay, which is 15 miles away.

### **Application Procedure/Timeline:**

Send resume and 3 references by **EMAIL ONLY**

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**Position Open until filled**

## Values of Vida Verde:

1. **Mission Driven**: We are passionately dedicated to meeting the powerful mission. We make every decision with the kids' benefit, the environment, and the mission as our guide.  
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2. **Excellence**: We hold ourselves to a very high standard: from program quality to outward image to communication and everything in between. We are detail oriented and thorough.
3. **Smart Organization**: Vida Verde is organized & efficient. We capitalize on strengths, do the work that suits us best, and consult with experts when needed. We strategically plan for the short and long term to ensure sustainability.
4. **Relationships/Community**: Vida Verde is a small organization that is accessible and creates long-lasting relationships with its staff, supporters, students & teachers.
5. **"Make it Happen"**: If we value it, we go for it, despite obstacles. We don't hesitate to go above and beyond. We use resources creatively.
6. **Trailblazing**: Vida Verde is innovative, entrepreneurial, fun and exciting. It's a crossroads where urban culture meets the rural and natural environment.
7. **Positivity**: ...begets positivity! We work together with each other and the greater community, focusing on the great, in order to create more great.

\*Vida Verde is committed to building a staff that is reflective of the incredible diversity of our communities and of the students we serve. Because we are committed to increasing the diversity of our workplace, people of color and individuals from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Vida Verde is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (includes religious beliefs, observance or practice, including religious dress), sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, transgender status, pregnancy, childbirth or related condition (including breastfeeding), marital status, national origin, veteran status, ancestry, age, medical condition, genetic characteristics, family care status, registered domestic partner status, or any other consideration made unlawful by

applicable laws. All applicants will be evaluated and job offers made based on experience and merit.