

2010 Hawk Holler farm and Forest Garden Learning Center Work Exchange

Position: Work exchange with Hawk Holler farm and Forest Garden Learning Center.

Need assistance with: Forest gardening, micro-farming (cover crop, vegetable production, medicinal herbs, mushroom, fruit and nuts) chickens, farm dog training, terrace building, stone steps, firewood processing, outbuilding construction, pond construction, mushroom log inoculating, food preservation (drying, canning, pickling), and seed saving.

Offering knowledge in: Homesteading skills, forest gardening, wildlife/fauna identification, foraging, animal husbandry, herbology, medicinal plant id/uses, off grid living, photovoltaic system, simple living, and ecovillage life.

Working situation: You will be working with two different projects, the Forest Garden and Hawk Holler, each with its own womanager. Earthaven is located in a temperate rain forest, with rain, bugs, mold, heat, humidity, cold, and damp conditions. Most work will be outside. Some work will be in groups, some with another person, and some will be by yourself.

Living situation: Off-grid, ecovillage living at Hawk Holler, a secluded homestead with a shared indoor/outdoor bath and kitchen, two other people, dogs and chickens. Live in a cozy RV during the camping season, with a room in a house while it's cold. Live away from the main community hub, with trails, woods, creeks out your door, quiet, and secluded. Walk 10 min to village center and another 10 minutes to the Forest Garden (or mountain bike). You may cook your own meals or join a group kitchen. Minimal food stipend provided.

Your skills and characteristics: Hard working, able to work independently and accept direction, able to lift heavy objects, learn quickly, organized work practices, and open to new ideas. Plant knowledge and previous experience with plants and hand tools preferred.

Living at Earthaven requires tolerance of a variety of diets, rustic living, compost toilets, roosters and other farm animals. Patience and an ability to work in groups and communicate with others are important.