Internships Available! Aquaponics* Greenhouse

Howling Moose Gardens (HMG, see http://howlingmoose.com) is looking for interns/volunteers to help out at the greenhouse during the Spring/Summer of 2014.

Benefits

This is currently a non-paying gig, but you will have the opportunity to learn a significant amount about aquaponics, season extension, and market gardening in a northern climate.

Once HMG starting hiring for paying jobs, you would first in line.

Responsibilities

Simple greenhouse maintenance, such as weeding, planting and harvesting

Aquaponics maintenance, such as chemical testing (drop tests like pH, nothing complex), and H2O maintenance Construction, including the use of power tools such as a miter saw, jig saw and power drills

Produce delivery

Farmers Market set up, tear down and selling

Manual labor such as digging holes, shifting gravel and painting, heavy lifting of produce rafts.

Skills - not all of these skills are required of applicants, and any needed skills will be taught if necessary

Use of power tools

Simple spreadsheet and word processor skills

Market Gardening

Simple PVC plumbing

Greenhouse maintenance

Driver's license and some large vehicle (not requiring a commercial license) experience

Basic painting skills (large flat surfaces)

Food safety

* Aquaponics is a sustainable food production system that combines a traditional aquaculture (raising aquatic animals such as snails, fish, crayfish or prawns in tanks) with hydroponics (cultivating plants in water) in a symbiotic environment. In the aquaculture, effluents accumulate in the water, increasing toxicity for the fish. This water is led to a hydroponic system where the by-products from the aquaculture are filtered out by the plants as vital nutrients, after which the cleansed water is recirculated back to the animals. (Def. From wikipedia)

