Volunteer Opportunities for Agriculture Education Students

NOTE: A waiver for non-paid work experience must be filed and approved by the State Department of Education and the State Department of labor in order for volunteer hours to count for SAE credit. Non-paid work experience is only eligible for SAE credit if at an official non-profit organization. To the best of our knowledge, the organizations listed below are registered as non-profit. Non-profit status can change.

ABILITY BEYOND DISABILITY PROJECT (Roses for Autism)
Pinchbeck's Rose Farm
929 Boston Post Road
Guilford, CT 06437
(203) 453-2186 or (888) 832-8247
A greenhouse that grows roses for Autism research. Students can volunteer to work in the greenhouse, general clean up, cutting and packaging roses, moving plants, trimming roses, fulfilling orders, Farmer Market Sales, giving tours, hosting flower stands at events.

CATALES, Inc.
P.O. Box 901 (Shelter located on Bow Lane)
Middletown CT 06457
(860) 344-9043
Web: www.catales.org
No-kill cat rescue and shelter. Volunteers needed for animal care, socializing cats and kittens, assisting with fundraising, etc.

Branford Compassion Club
P.O. Box 768
Branford, CT 06405
(203) 483-MEOW
Web: http://www.branfordcompassionclub.org/
Volunteers needed to foster cats, feed & build shelters for feral cat colonies, and assist with animal care.

Connecticut Audobon Society
1361 Main Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033
860-633-8402
Web: www.ctaudobon.org
Opportunities for educational and special events, as well as volunteers needed to help support Citizen Science and animal care for science-based education and environmental advocacy programs.

Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection
Sessions Woods WMA
PO Box 1550
Burlington, CT 06013
(860) 675-8130
Email: birdsurvey@po.state.ct.us
Web: http://dep.state.ct.us/burnatr/wildlife/geninfo/volunteer.htm
Volunteers needed to participate in wildlife research projects. Also many educational opportunities available..

Connecticut Forest & Park Association
16 Meriden Road
Rockfall, CT 06481
(860) 346-2372
Web: www.ctwoodlands.org
Volunteers needed for trail maintenance tasks. No experience required. The Blue Trail system is maintained by volunteers. Also many educational opportunities available.
Connecticut Humane Society
701 Russell Road
Newington, CT 06111
(800) 452-0114
Web: www.cthumane.org
A private charity for animal rescue. Volunteers under 18 can assist in the Foster Care and Pet Facilitated Therapy programs. Volunteers over 18 needed for animal care and other tasks.

Connecticut Draft Horse Rescue
15 Rock Landing Road
Haddam Neck, CT 06424
(860) 467-6642
Email: ctdraftrescue@aol.com
Web: www.ctdraftrescue.com
Volunteers duties include helping in the therapeutic program, training, doing chores around the barns and property, fundraising, administrative duties.

The Critter Connection, Inc.
P.O. Box 371
Durham, CT 06422
Email: info@CTGuineaPigRescue.org
Web: http://www.ctguineapigrescue.org/
Small animal and guinea pig rescue. Volunteers needed for animal care and to provide socialization and foster homes.

Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District
deKoven House Community Center
27 Washington Street
Middletown, CT 06457
(860) 346-3282
Web: http://www.conservect.org/ctrivercoastal/
A nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote the sound use and management of natural resources in our 26 town area. The Connecticut River Watch Program, a citizen monitoring program for the Connecticut River and tributaries, is one of the District’s flagship programs. Educational programs, internships and other opportunities available.

Dudley Farm
2351 Durham Rd, Guilford, CT
(203) 453-6760; 457-0770; or 457-1643
www.dudleyfarm.com
Volunteers to help maintain the Heritage, Community, Flower and Herb Gardens.

Elizabeth Park
Hartford, CT
Contact: volunteer@elizabethparkct.org or 860.231.9443
Elizabeth Park is the oldest rose garden in America

Ferret Association of Connecticut
14 Sherbrooke Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106
(860) 247-1275
http://www.ferret-fact.org
Ferret rescue. Volunteers needed for animal care, and to provide socialization and foster homes.
Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation
103 Old Iron Ore Road
Bloomfield, CT 06002
(860) 243-5200
Web: www.fidelco.org
Foster families needed to raise guide dog puppies.

Foodshare
450 Woodland Avenue
Bloomfield, CT 06002-1342
(860) 286-9999
Email: Foodshare@SecondHarvest.org
Web: www.foodshare.org
Volunteers needed to sort produce and inspect nonperishable food products. Other volunteer opportunities available.

Forgotten Felines, Inc.
P.O. Box 734
Clinton, CT 06413
(860) 669-1347
Email: info@forgettenfelinesct.org
Web: www.forgottenfelinesct.org
Feline rescue group. Volunteers needed to care for animals at the shelter and assist with fundraisers, etc.

Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Inc.
361 Route 164
Patterson, NY 1263
Phone: (845) 878-3330 or Local Contact: Marsha Graves at (860) 347-9971
Website: http://www.guiding-eyes.org/
Foster families needed to raise guide dog puppies.

High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, Inc.
36 Town Woods Road P.O. Box 254
Old Lyme, CT 06371
(860) 434-1974
Web: www.highhopestr.org
Therapeutic riding center. Volunteers needed to assist with therapeutic horseback riding lessons and horse care. Training sessions offered.

Meigs Point Nature Center at Hammonasset Beach State Park
(203) 245-8743
(860) 462-9643
Web: www.hammonasset.org
Offers educational programs, special events, and offers volunteer opportunities in their animal care and educational programs.

Meriden Humane Society
Murdock Road, Meriden CT 06450
(203) 238-3650
Web: www.petfinder.com/shelters/meridenhs.html
No-kill shelter for dogs and cats. Volunteers needed for animal care and to provide socialization.

Manes and Motions Therapeutic Riding Center
874 Millbrook Road, Middletown CT 06457
860-685-0008
Web: www://www.hfsc.org/manes-motions
Therapeutic riding center. Volunteers needed to assist with therapeutic horseback riding lessons.
Maritime Education Network, Inc.
203 Ferry Road
Old Saybrook, CT 06475
(860) 388-4180
Email: maritime-edu@juno.com
A nonprofit organization involved in promoting environmental awareness with marine science.

Mitchell Farm Equine Retirement, Inc.
300 East Haddam Road (Route 82)
Salem, CT 06420
(860) 886-6767
Web: www.mitchellfarm.org
Non-profit equine retirement facility. Help needed with horse care and farm maintenance.

New Britain Youth Museum at Hungerford Park
191 Farmington Avenue
Kensington, CT 06037
(860) 827-9064
Web: www.newbritainyouthmuseum.org
Volunteers needed for animal care and to assist with educational and outreach events.

Our Companions Animal Sanctuary
P.O. Box 673
Bloomfield, CT 06002
(860) 242-9999
Email: Volunteer@OurCompanions.org
Web: www.ourcompanions.org
Non-profit small animal rescue. Volunteers needed for shelter operations, office assistance, and special events.

Ray of Light Farm
232 Town Street (Route 82)
East Haddam, CT 06423
(860) 873-1895
Web: http://www.rayoflightfarm.org Email: volunteer@rayoflightfarm.org
Duties range from petting to grooming to cleaning stalls and more. Note: Volunteers must
Volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Middletown Regional Agriculture Science & Technology Center
Middletown High School
200 LaRosa Lane
Middletown, CT 06457
(860) 704-4599
www.middletownschools.org

Updated May 2015
Know of another organization to place on this list? Let us know!