

## What is Growing Season?

*Growing Season* is a farm-based summer learning program for 5th-8th grade students. Farm-based education connects youth to agriculture, community, and the environment, through hands-on authentic and experiential learning.



Students choose from a menu of daily activities based on their own unique interests, as they relate to food and farming, such as:

- Animal care
- Gardening
- Cooking with farm produce
- Journaling
- Agriculture art projects, such as beeswax candles and tea
- Farm stand management



## Where is Growing Season?



In its second year, *Growing Season* is a program under the umbrella of College of the Atlantic (COA) and is located at COA's Peggy Rockefeller Farms in Bar Harbor, 4.7 miles from the college campus.

The farm currently includes:

- Vegetable gardens
- Fruit trees
- Raspberry patch
- Forest
- Pastures
- Cattle
- Sheep and lambs
- Chickens and chicks



...and of course barn cats and a farm dog!

## Why Growing Season?

Offered as a two-week enrichment program, the curriculum is interdisciplinary and is aligned with national and state learning standards, with a special focus on environmental science and English Language Arts.



Through exploration on an organic farm, *Growing Season* promotes:

- Active participation in authentic learning experiences, leading to greater enthusiasm, increased self-esteem, and academic achievement.
- Reading, writing, and creativity
- Entrepreneurship and leadership
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Environmental responsibility
- Healthy food choices





## Growing Season Staff



**Abby Plummer** is Growing Season's Program Director. She has a master's degree from COA and is a 5th grade teacher. After completing MOFGA's (Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association) Farm Apprenticeship Program, Abby spent five years directing farm-based education programs at public schools, non-profit Farm to School organizations, and summer camps, such as Kieve Camp for Boys and Wavus Camp for Girls.

**Greg Bernard** is a teacher at *Growing Season*. He is finishing his undergraduate degree at COA and worked at the Farm to School program at Conners Emerson. Greg completed MOFGA's Farm Apprenticeship Program and has five years of experience farming and cooking in restaurants.

**Mel Steinberg** is the agriculture arts teacher at *Growing Season*. She has a B.A. from COA and is a teacher at The Community School of MDI. Mel has worked at Beech Hill Farm as well as the Farm to School program at Conners Emerson.



**C.J. Walke** is the Farm Manager for COA's Peggy Rockefeller Farms and he has worked in the fields of sustainable and organic agriculture in Maine for over 15 years. C.J. studied environmental issues at Unity College; his work experience includes dairy, vegetable, and livestock farms, greenhouses, nurseries, and orchards, as well agricultural education through organizations like MOFGA.

## When is Growing Season?

Session 1: June 20 - July 1, 2015

Session 2: July 5 - July 15, 2015

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Before and After Care:

8:00-9:00 AM, 3:00-5:00 PM



## How much does *Growing Season* cost?

One session: \$500\*

Two sessions: \$950\*

Before/After Care: \$7.00 per hour

\*Full and partial scholarships available upon request!

\*Register by April 30th for our

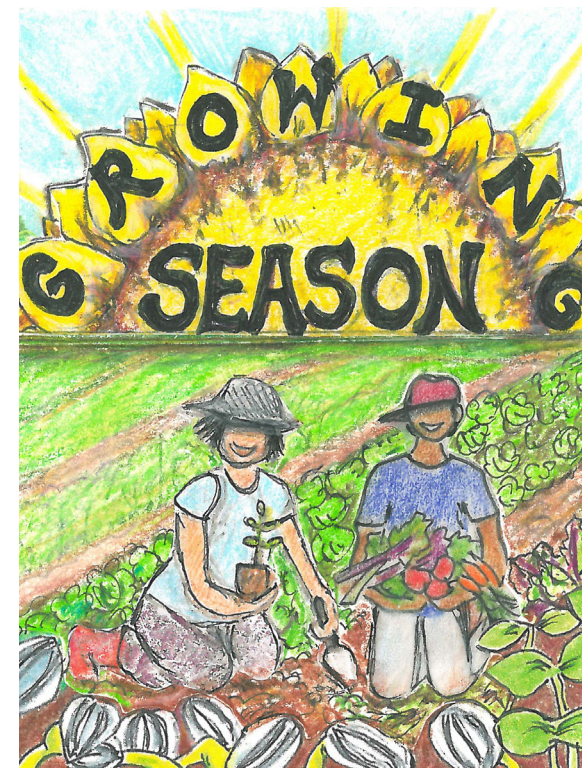


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## a Farm-Based Summer Learning Program

at College of the Atlantic's  
Peggy Rockefeller Farms

## Summer 2016

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Bar Harbor, Maine

