## Seeking Intern for the 2021 Growing Season

Klondike Valley Nursery, Dawson City Yukon

Please send letter of interest to <u>klondikevalley@gmail.com</u> with 'Intern 2021' in the subject line.

Open until position is filled.

We are looking for a dedicated person or two (couples welcome) with a genuine interest in sustainable living to join us for 4-5 months this summer at our canoe-access off-grid homestead. Exact dates are flexible, starting between April 1 & May 5. We provide room and board and a stipend.

We run a research-oriented tree nursery, maintain a unique subarctic orchard and raise a year-round supply of vegetables. This is an opportunity to develop a wide range of skills and to participate in meaningful work as a member of our 'family'.

As our intern, you will participate in all aspects of rural independent living as well as our orchard and nursery. Delicious home-grown food is provided, as is a small cabin with a basic kitchen; we share one or two meals a day, rotating who cooks. Bathing is rustic, with swimming for the cold-hardy. We have limited electricity and internet, and good cell service. Working days/hours can be flexible, with an expectation of around 40h/week. With advance notice, there can be time off for adventuring. A stipend will be offered pending a successful funding application with the intern.

We are seeking someone(s) with growing experience to build upon. *Comfort around moving water is a must and preference will be given to candidates with river paddling experience*. Our situation is best suited to people who are comfortable with a small social group (3-4 people & 3 dogs with large personalities). We value honesty and good communication skills. An eye for detail is important, as is physical fitness and good body awareness – we work in lots of small spaces filled with special trees! The ideal candidate will be willing to take direction and initiative as the situation demands, and be content to work alone as well as with others.

Enthusiasm, a good sense of humour and a genuine interest in our lifestyle and work are as or more important than specific skills.

## Perks

- Spreading row cover beneath the midnight sun
- Eating subarctic apples, pears and cherries fresh from the tree
- Swimming in permafrost-chilled water
- Transporting things in a canoe you'd never thought possible
- Enthusiastic greetings from jack russels that will take on moose and lynx
- Meeting an eccentric and dedicated community of northern farmers

Want to know more? Check out our website (<u>www.klondikevalley.com</u>), the films First We Eat and Sovereign Soil, and Kim's instagram (@kimsmelton)