



YELLOW BRANCH POTTERY AND FARM

The position is filled for 2009. If you would like to be contacted for future consideration, please send an email.

Yellow Branch Pottery is located adjacent to Yellow Branch Farm near Fontana Lake in Graham County, NC just south of the Great Smoky National Park and near the Appalachian Trail. The county is rural, with lots of opportunity to experience outdoor activities like hiking, biking, birding, swimming and rafting. Robbinsville, the nearest town, is located 15 miles from us. Asheville is 90 miles to the east.

Applicants need to be self motivated, physically fit, hard working, willing to learn and take direction, and have the desire to experience making one's living as a studio potter, sustainable food production and gardening. Preference will be given to those who have previous clay experience. A personal visit is required prior to selection.

We enjoy our life, making and selling pots and cheese and growing our own food in this beautiful mountain setting. Consider joining us!

Please feel free to email or call with any questions. mail@yellowbranch.com

Duties and Responsibilities:

- * Full participation during the 5 day work week. Sometimes food growing activities happen during our "time off"
- * Assist in opening and closing the studio and gallery
- * Assist customers
- * Mix clay and glazes
- * Pug clay
- * Make pots under Karen's supervision
- * Glaze pots
- * Load and fire kilns
- * Studio maintenance and housekeeping
- * Mail order
- * Assist in garden work at pottery, farmhouse, and vegetable garden (weeding, weed eating, mowing, planting, harvesting, design, etc.)
- * Cut and wrap cheese to sell
- * Regular care and cleaning of the staff house

Compensation:

- * \$900.00/month food stipend
- * Training in production, glaze development, throwing, hand building, kiln repair, retail sales, gallery operation, business operation, etc.

- * Time to develop one's own work after meeting obligations. Standard materials and firings provided.
- * The opportunity to sell personal work that meets the gallery standard (40% commission to gallery),
- * Housing, local phone service to Robbinsville, utilities and dial-up internet access. Cell phone service not available on farm. Calling card is necessary for long distance calls.

Studio Equipment:

- 2 electric wheels
- 1 kick wheel with motor
- 1 pug mill
- 1 extruder
- 1 slab roller
- 2 electric kilns

Staff House:

