

Calypso Farm & Ecology Center

Apprenticeship Program

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Calypso Farm and Ecology Center is a non-profit, educational farm based in Ester, Alaska. They offer apprenticeships and internships to those interested in pursuing a life in farming.

Education Programs

Agriculture, agriculture operations, and related sciences

- All About Seeds and Starts
- Beginning Organic Gardening
- Composting
- Container Gardening
- Drip Irrigation Basics
- Exploring Vegetable Varieties
- Field Trips
- Garden Planning with Kids
- Know Your Soils
- Planning a Home-Scale Food Production Garden
- Preserving Your Harvest Through Fermentation
- Raising and Butchering Meat Birds
- Raising Chickens, Goats and Sheep
- Root Cellar Basics
- Seed Saving
- Starting a Home Garden CSA
- Wool Basics and Sheep Shearing
- Worm Composting

Personal and culinary services

- Baking in a Wood-fired Oven

Visual and performing arts

- Basic Blacksmithing Tools: Forging Tongs
- Basic Blacksmithing Tools: Tool steel - Chisel and Punch
- Beginning Spinning
- Blacksmithing – Forging Handles – Twisting and Bending
- Blacksmithing Overview and Forging Hooks: Drawing out
- Blacksmithing, Forging Fire Forks: Chiseling and drawing out
- Blacksmithing, Forging Spoons: Upsetting and Swaging
- Dried Flowers and Wreath Making
- Explore Cut Flowers
- Fleece to Finish
- Intermediate Spinning
- Natural Dyeing from the Garden
- Needle Felting
- Viking Knife: Tool Steel - Create Blades and Sharpen
- Wet Felting
- Wool Dyeing Techniques