

Long Ridge Farms Harvest 2014 – Job Posting

Long Ridge Farms is looking for seasonal workers to harvest Christmas trees for its commercial division. Daily tasks include cutting, moving, baling, loading and unloading hundreds of trees. Work begins in late October and continues through late November.

Full days are required, seven days a week rain or shine (not ideal for students with daytime classes). Contracted workers must provide their own transportation and be able to drive to several farms located in Watauga, Avery and Johnson counties. Preference will be given to those with mechanical skills and the ability to drive truck/trailer. Toolbox is a plus.

Harvest Schedule: Christmas tree harvest is unique in that we have a very limited window to cut, bale, store and then ship thousands of Fraser Fir Christmas trees to our customers prior to the big holiday season.

- Expect to work 7 days a week – some days start earlier than others and end later, depending on where we're working and the weather conditions.
- Expect to work anywhere from 8 to 12 hours a day, with the average day starting at 6:30 or 7:00am. We generally work until dark, with some exceptions.

Working Conditions: Harvesting Christmas Trees requires teamwork, endurance and flexibility. It requires long hours and demands hard physical labor in all kinds of weather conditions. Job tasks may include, but are not limited to:

- cutting trees
- lifting and pulling trees out of the fields
- operating a tree baler
- loading/unloading trees to/from trucks and carrying trees to storage bins
- hauling heavy loads of trees (for qualified drivers)
- scouting for trees in the fields
- keeping a paper record of tree counts
- loading trees on semi-trucks

You will be working on rough terrain with up to twenty other crew members. If selected for the job, please respect your fellow workers by showing up on time and staying for the entire day. Your crew will rely on you to be there.

Locations: We will be working at several different farms, depending on the day and the weather conditions. On most days, we will meet at Long Ridge Farms and caravan to the field where we will be working that day. Directions to each farm will be provided.

To express interest in this job, please send an email to wnc367@aol.com with the following information:

- Full Name
- Contact Information (current phone number and email address)
- Relevant Skills
- Availability (preference will be given to those who can work most days during harvest season, including weekends, rain or shine)