

*Reply to letter  
addressed to Gideonse  
Gideonse; apparently a  
junior camp interested in applying  
for with work program for their own  
see RCB*

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Dear Lieut. Carter:

Your letter to President Gideonse regarding our Brooklyn College Program for summer farm work for city students has been referred to me for reply. I am having forwarded to you a copy of our last summer's Farm Labor Camp experiment. Based on that experience we are engaged in working up a carefully planned experiment for 1943 through which we hope to enable a larger number of our students to contribute their services on the food production front. Perhaps this Report and two additional items will give you the information you want.

Our first aim is to enroll and select students who will be well qualified to help during the summer harvest. In this connection we are working in consultation with State and Federal authorities. To promote this service and at the same time to make the experience as educationally valuable as possible we are organizing a Brooklyn College plan involving the services of staff members as camp leaders and, where circumstances allow, as teachers either of special subjects or of regular subjects. The completion of our plans has to wait for more definitive announcements of the public program, but we hope to be ready when these are promulgated.

Referring to particular points, our plan is aimed chiefly to supply work groups in fruit and vegetable areas where demand for extra harvesters is much larger than in dairy farm regions and where also unskilled city students can be more immediately useful. This, in no sense, minimizes the extreme importance of extra service for dairy farms but merely seeks to make our student labor available where it can be most immediately useful.

Elementary military training is not part of our projected plan because the educational parts of our plan are designed to be secondary and ancillary to the farm work. An emphasis on patriotic motivation on the part of our workers will, however, have a high place.

Yours sincerely,

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