

Ward Vegetables CSA

Volunteer Job Description

For 2024 Ward Vegetables will have volunteer opportunities available throughout our CSA year. A volunteer is someone who is interested in what the farm is doing and wants to learn more about those activities and practices while having fun at the same time. It is also a good way to get into shape and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

A farm volunteer can work at the farm any day of the week (except Sunday) on a variety of projects. Most projects will be announced via our email updates or Facebook/Instagram and could include such activities as:

- Meet the Farm event(s)
- Doing a class at the farm (we have had yoga and plant classes in the past)
- The Garlic Harvest
- Let's Identify Bugs Day (really it is just eliminating bad bugs and knowing good bugs:)
- Let's Identify Weeds Day (really it is just weeding:)
- Rock Identification (really it is picking rock:)
- Tree Planting (permaculture)
- Build Day (typically an important infrastructure task)
- Storage Onion Harvest
- Building Raised Beds Day

You get the picture, the volunteer gets to have fun and learn about some of the very important activities that happen at the farm on a daily basis.

This will be our second year of offering experiences to members and individuals who just want to contribute to the growing of food and the caring of land. (*Year 2 was tough because of COVID and not being able to do events at the farm.*) We want to make the experience fun and eventful for you. By volunteering you are adding a huge value to the farm and we will always try to reward you with something special that is ready to harvest in the gardens for your efforts (depends on availability).

A Couple of Guidelines: We do expect a volunteer to accomplish the task set out for the day and the following are expected traits that you should be aware of.

- **Observation** - you must be aware of your surroundings and pay attention to detail. The plants and soil are delicate and need you to pay attention to all your actions.
- **Communication** - you must be able to talk with people in a friendly and helpful manner (we have many tours during the summer) and it is expected that you will communicate with the farmer about any concerns, problems, successes, etc... you had during the course of the project.
- **Stamina** - you must be able to do physical work, some of these projects are hard and you may have to lift up to 50 pounds for some activities.
- **Mechanical** - you must be able to operate hand tools and clean them at the end of the project.
- **Knowledge** - and it is hoped that you would share your knowledge and experience that are different from the operations of Ward Vegetables, learning is lifelong for us!

So, when you are ready to volunteer just remember - Farmer John wants you:) Look for events in the weekly farm updates and on Facebook or Instagram during the season. Thanks for considering volunteering at the Farm!

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