



Oregon Food Bank Volunteer Job Description

Job Title: Learning Garden Team Leader
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Position Summary:

Learning Garden Team Leaders will work closely with the Learning Garden Volunteer Coordinator to ensure positive and productive volunteer experiences for Learning Garden participants. On days when more than 10 people will be volunteering, Learning Garden Team Leaders will supervise groups of 5 – 10 people to accomplish specific garden projects. Projects may include planting, transplanting, composting, mulching, weeding, thinning, harvesting or other garden tasks as needed.

Responsibilities:

- Supervise small groups (5-10 people) in the Learning Garden.
- Set up tools and supplies for project.
- Explain project to volunteers and provide technical assistance as needed.
- Complete necessary paperwork and tracking.
- Oversee project clean up.

Qualifications:

- Ability to oversee and instruct a group of volunteers.
- Effective verbal communication skills.
- Organizational and interpersonal skills.
- A strong interest in sustainable agriculture and community food security
- Some gardening experience
- Ability to lift a maximum of 50 pounds.

Time Commitment:

- 2 shifts per month, exact dates to be determined by the Team Leader.
- Shifts run 2.5 – 4 hours each (including setup and clean up), Tuesday through Saturday

Resources Provided:

- Team Leaders must attend a 2 hour training
- Ongoing mentoring will be provided by the Learning Garden Volunteer Coordinator.

How does this help Oregon Food Bank?

By creating a beautiful and productive growing space, Learning Garden volunteers inspire community members to become involved in growing their own nutritious fresh fruits and vegetables. In 2007, 750+ volunteers helped grow fruits and vegetables in the Learning Garden. By leading groups of volunteers, the Learning Garden Team Leader will increase the capacity of the Oregon Food Bank to serve more people.