

# **Garden and Grounds Volunteer Opportunity**

We are looking for passionate and enthusiastic Garden and Grounds Volunteers at the Food + Farm Exploration Center. This position will bring you closer to Wisconsin agriculture than ever before and sow a deeper understanding of our way of life.

Garden and Grounds Volunteer shifts are primarily on weekdays between 9am and 4pm. We are looking to have up to 2 people on each shift, but the team size will vary depending on the tasks assigned. Scheduling will be in 3- to 4-hour blocks, at your convenience, and based on when we need assistance.

#### **Have Fun + Make a Difference**

#### **Experience**

- Experience in agriculture is not required to be a volunteer.
- Must possess good communication skills for dealing with diverse personalities.
- Demonstrated commitment to the community.
- Interest in and enthusiasm for science and technology and/or ag education is helpful but not required.

#### Position Expectations/Responsibilities

- Driving utility vehicles.
- Using hand tools for landscape maintenance.
- Mulching.
- Weeding.
- Planting perennial and annual plants as directed by Grounds and Maintenance Manager.
- Gardening tasks such as planting, weeding, pruning, harvesting, etc.
- Participation in the on-site compost system as required.
- Participation in demonstration field harvesting activities.
- Participation in U-Pick events.
- Assistance with field trips that explore the exterior of the facility, as needed.
- Possible communication with visitors and acting as a tour guide for the landscaping and exterior grounds, if desired.
- Other duties as assigned.

## **Physical Demands:**

- Able to stand and/or sit for long periods of time.
- Bending, kneeling, lifting, etc.
- Occasional weekend or evening hours will be needed, but optional.



## Would you like to Volunteer?

If you are interested in this opportunity with Food + Farm Exploration Center, please complete the questionnaire found at this link: <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/UikRk1sNAd">https://forms.office.com/r/UikRk1sNAd</a>. After completing the survey, we will be in touch!

All volunteers must pass a background check due to children on-site.

## **Exploration Center Commitments**

- Free all-u-can-drink Ruby drip coffee from the Colorful Plate Café!
- The Food + Farm Exploration Center will work around your schedule.
- Organizations are welcome to volunteer to achieve required service hours.
- The Food + Farm Exploration Center will provide effective training and guidance in your chosen area of interest. We believe effective, focused training, along with time, are essential to providing you, as a volunteer, a fulfilling, rewarding experience that makes you feel like you matter and do good work as part of our team and our community.

## To learn more, please visit us at <a href="https://explorefoodandfarm.org">https://explorefoodandfarm.org</a>



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