

Title: Garden Days Group

Description: The Garden Team is responsible for the care, cultivation and maintenance of the Learning, Heritage, and Perennial Gardens. The gardens provide opportunities for our Community Connections Program participants and campers to learn about gardening and gain hands-on experience. Produce is used in educational tasting, cooking and nutrition programs designed to help community members of all ages connect with the natural world while learning about where their food comes from. Volunteers will be matched with a Garden Days Group that fits their schedule and led by a Lead Gardener to complete weekly tasks in the garden. Volunteers can expect to gain hands-on experience cultivating these gardens at Prescott Farm and join a great community of volunteers.

Commitment: preferred 1x per week for one season

- **Season:** April- October
- **Schedule:** flexible, we will work with your schedule. Having one consistent day/time per week to assist in the gardens is preferred

Tasks & Responsibilities

- **Daily:** weed, water, retrieve and return tools, record harvest, log timesheet
- **Weekly:** treat for problem insects, mulch, soil additives (lime, blood meal, leaves, etc.)
- **Monthly**
 - **February:** Clean seed trays, start seeds, care for seedlings
 - **March:** Start seeds, care for seedlings
 - **April:** Turn over beds, early planting, (un)cover plants as needed, repair equipment
 - **May:** Plant, prep beds, test soil, (un)cover plants as needed
 - **June:** Put in extra support for plants (frames, stocks, netting, etc.), thinning
 - **July:** Harvest, produce preservation (canning or dehydrating)
 - **August:** Harvest, produce preservation (canning or dehydrating)
 - **September:** Harvest, produce preservation (canning or dehydrating)
 - **October:** Winterize gardens, plant winter crops, drain hoses, store tools and equipment.
 - **November - January:** attend garden planning meetings if scheduled

Qualifications

- Enthusiasm to learn about gardening practices
- Ability to maintain a set schedule throughout gardening season
- Ability to lift up to 30lbs, bend over, crouch, crawl, work outside, and walk on uneven surfaces without assistance

Training: attend a Garden Orientation with the volunteer coordinator.

Safety: team members are expected to bring clothes appropriate for the weather. Bug repellent and sunscreen, and gloves are suggested.

Worksite: Learning & Heritage Gardens

Special Projects: may be available for team members, speak with the volunteer coordinator for more information.