



The Black Creek Community Farm’s Market Garden is now accepting volunteer applications for the 2018 season.

Would you like a chance to work outside, learn a bit about food growing at an urban farm, help out our farm team, and become a member of our community? Here’s your chance! We are now accepting volunteers for the 2018 season. Please see the descriptions for our various positions below. We have two types of volunteer opportunities: regular volunteers and drop-in volunteers.

1) Market Garden Regular Volunteers

A regular volunteer is someone who is available on a regular, weekly basis. Volunteers must be able to commit to a minimum of 8 weeks and a minimum of 3 hours each week. This is because many of the tasks will require some training at the beginning; consistent help in these areas are the most helpful for us; and you will likely learn a bit more in return for your consistent participation. As a thank you for your commitment, you will receive 3 items of fresh produce for each weekly shift!

We have 3 different types of regular positions:

Position	Description	Available Period	Minimum Commitment Required	Weekly Shift & Time	Exchange
Harvest Volunteer	<p>Help the market garden team harvest vegetables for our weekly “Harvest Share” program.</p> <p>Key tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - picking, weighing, washing and packaging vegetables. <p>A few important notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limited spots available. - This position requires an early and punctual start. - Best suited for those who enjoy detailed and precise hand work, and being outside rain or shine. - Physically fit and able to lift 15-20 lbs. 	July - November	<p>8 consecutive weeks (let us know if there is a week you are away)</p> <p>3 hours each week</p>	<p>Every Wednesday</p> <p>8am to noon OR 1pm to 5pm</p>	3 items of fresh produce each week

<p>Pick-Up Volunteer</p>	<p>Each week, “Harvest Share” (a vegetable subscription program) members come to the farm to pick up their vegetables. This position will help with the ‘set up’ and ‘take down’ of our farm stand, and assists members during pick up.</p> <p>Key tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limited spots available. - Set up ‘farm stand’ with vegetables and signage, help members during the pick up, re-stock inventory, help with take down and packing away vegetables at the end of the pick up. 	<p>July - November</p>	<p>8 consecutive weeks (let us know if there is a week you are away)</p> <p>3 hours each week</p>	<p>Every Thursday</p> <p>1pm to 5pm OR 5pm to 8pm</p>	<p>3 items of fresh produce each week</p>
<p>Field Volunteer</p>	<p>Help the market garden team with a wide range of field tasks related to the growing and maintenance of our crops.</p> <p>Key tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - planting, weeding, pruning, trellising, potential field prep with shovels, rakes, etc., setting up field materials or infrastructure, cleaning and organizational tasks <p>A few important notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limited spots available. - Best suited for those who enjoy working outside rain or shine. - Physically fit and able to lift 15-20 lbs. 	<p>June - November</p>	<p>8 consecutive weeks (let us know if there is a week you are away)</p> <p>3 hours each week</p>	<p>Every Saturday</p> <p>9am - noon OR 1pm - 4pm</p>	<p>3 items of fresh produce each week</p>

2) Market Garden “Drop - In” Volunteer

A drop-in volunteer, as the title implies, is someone who is unable to volunteer on a regular basis, but would still like to help out the farm on occasion. Drop-in volunteers will help the farm team and other volunteers every Saturday with a wide range of field tasks. There is a morning shift, and an afternoon shift. If you want to participate in the morning shift, please show up promptly at 9am for our team meeting, instructions and tasks delegation; similarly, to participate in the afternoon shift, please show up promptly at 1pm for instructions. Stay as long as you are able, there is no minimum hours you are required to stay.

Position	Description	Available Period	Minimum Commitment Required	Weekly Shift & Time
“Drop - In” Volunteer	<p>Help the market garden team with a wide range of field tasks related to the growing and maintenance of our crops.</p> <p>Key tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - planting, weeding, pruning, trellising, potential field prep with shovels, rakes, etc., setting up field materials or infrastructure, cleaning and organizational tasks <p>A few important notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limited spots available. - Best suited for those who enjoy working outside rain or shine. - Being physically fit and able to lift 15-20 lbs is not a requirement but may be helpful. 	<p>June - November</p>	<p>Stay as long as you are able, there is no minimum hours you are required to stay.</p>	<p>Every Saturday</p> <p>9am start time:</p> <p>(please show up on-time for our team meeting, instructions and tasks delegation).</p> <p>1pm start time:</p> <p>(please show up on-time for our team meeting, instructions and tasks delegation).</p> <p>4pm end time</p>

Volunteer Orientation - Required for ALL Volunteers (Regular and Drop-ins)

All volunteers must attend a brief orientation before participating on site. Orientation days for 2018 are as follows:

- Saturday June 2nd, 9am - 11am
- Saturday August 4th, 9am - 11am
- Saturday October 6th, 9am - 11am

Does all this sound like something you are interested in?

If so, please fill out BCCF's volunteer form [here](#). We will contact you to confirm that we have received your information and that space is available. As we approach the start date for the positions listed, we will contact you to confirm details. Thanks and we look forward to meeting you!

Your Black Creek Community Farm's Market Garden Team,
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