

Education Garden Volunteer Job Description

Role of Education Garden Volunteer

Education Garden Volunteers assist with the upkeep of the Education Garden, which offers guests the opportunity to learn about planting, growing, and harvesting plants. In addition to maintaining the garden, the Education Garden Volunteer will offer guests the chance to assist in their work and provide garden education and interpretation when necessary.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Maintain the Education Garden by performing tasks such as seeding, planting, weeding, and harvesting as outlined by paid staff and garden consultants.
- Answer guests' questions about the Education Garden.
- Offer guests the opportunity to assist in the garden and supervise their work.
- Assist with special garden events and programming as needed.

Qualifications

- Gardening experience and knowledge, or an interest in learning.
- Customer service and/or education skills.
- Willingness and interest in working with the public.
- Ability to work well with others, accept supervision, and remain flexible.
- At least 14 years of age. People under 18 must provide parental consent.

Training

- Attend volunteer staff orientation and training sessions.
- Shadow experienced garden staff as necessary (waived if volunteer already has significant garden experience).

Expected Commitment

- Seasonal commitment (May-October), preferably at least once a week for 2-3 hours, although concessions can be made for qualified candidates.

Supervision

- Position reports to Interpretation & Education Coordinator.
- Additional supervision by paid staff, who create a list of duties for Volunteers.