

Farm and Garden-Based Environmental Education Volunteer

Zenger Farm, Portland Oregon

Applications accepted on a rolling basis

Position Type: Part-time, unpaid volunteer



ZENGER FARM is a 501(c)(3) non-profit working urban farm that models, promotes and educates about sustainable food systems, environmental stewardship, community development and access to good food for all.

Farm and Garden-Based Environmental Education Volunteers will support all Environmental Education programs at Zenger Farm. Onsite programs include the following: the **Children's Gardens**, **Farm Field Trips** for preschool through adult groups, the **Urban Farm Home School Program** for 5-14 year olds, **Farm School** which serves 5th graders in the David Douglas School District, and seasonal **Farm Camps** for 5-15 year olds. Volunteers will support and lead experiential lessons focused on sustainable agriculture, plants, wetland ecology, healthy food, scientific inquiry, weather, climate, insects, worms, and more. Volunteers will be an integral part of the Zenger Farm community, working as part of a team alongside staff and interns.

TIME COMMITMENT

- **Seasonal commitment of at least 3 months at a time**
- 5 to 20 hours a week; volunteers will need to establish a regular day of the week and timeframe for this position
- Weekly time commitment and schedule will be discussed with each applicant to meet the needs of the Volunteer and Zenger Farm; most programs occur Monday through Friday in between 8am-5pm

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist with Children's Gardens maintenance and facilitate garden and farm activities with youth and adults
- Assist with and lead Farm Field Trips, the Urban Farm Home School Program, Farm School, and Farm Camps
- Interact with participants and volunteers in an enthusiastic and friendly manner
- Maintain clear and open communication with Zenger Farm staff, interns and volunteers
- Special projects and other duties as assigned

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must enjoy working with children and adults
- Positive, can do attitude
- Ability to work in a farm setting, lift up to 50lbs, dig, and use hand tools
- Ability to obtain a Food Handlers Certification
- Must pass a criminal background check

BENEFITS

- Farm fresh produce
- Opportunity to develop skills and experience teaching and facilitating environmental education
- Learn and practice sustainable gardening/farming techniques in the Pacific Northwest
- Work with a fun and dedicated team of staff, interns and volunteers in a lively and collaborative environment
- Spend time at a beautiful urban farm and in a diverse and culturally unique neighborhood

HOW TO APPLY

Submit a cover letter and resume with three work or school references via email to Program Assistant, Rob Cato at rob@zengerfarm.org. Cover letter should address your interest in environmental education, teaching, and/or gardening and your qualifications for this position. Also fill out our online volunteer application at <https://zengerfarm.secure.force.com/volunteers>. Interviews will be conducted as applications are received.

Zenger Farm provides equal employment opportunity without regard to race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, handicap, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity, in accordance with applicable federal laws.