

Food Scouts Volunteer Description



Location: Lents International Farmers Market (LIFM) – SE 91st and SE Foster

Dates available: Sundays, June through October

Time commitment: 3 hour shift (9:00-12:00 or 10:00-1:00), one-time or on-going

ABOUT FOOD SCOUTS

A program of Zenger Farm sponsored by Whole Foods Market and taking place at Lents International Farmers Market, Food Scouts is a free kids club that teaches kids about healthy eating and shopping habits. Children are given \$2 each week to purchase fruits, vegetables and food producing plants from market vendors. Food Scouts also hosts fun and educational activities for children between the ages of 5 and 12. Families can sign up at the booth any market day.

ABOUT ZENGER FARM

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.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Food Scout volunteers assist the Food Scout program coordinator with hands-on, interactive activities for children focused on local food and farming.

SCHEDULE

- Sundays, three hour shifts available (9:00-12:00 or 10:00-1:00), one-time or on-going
- Flexible time commitment to research and plan weekly activities based on availability and interests

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Execute the activity schedule for the Food Scouts booth, setting up activity materials and working with children to complete activities
- Complete sign up and check in procedures with program participants, including liability and photo waivers, pre-program surveys, program “passports” and weekly token incentives
- Assist staff with documenting participant experiences, including photographs (camera provided), written testimonies and story sharing
- Interact with participants and volunteers in an enthusiastic and friendly manner
- Maintain clear and open communication with program and market staff and volunteers

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Ability to pass a background check
- Enthusiasm for working with children
- Interest in farmers markets, local agriculture and/or childhood education
- Punctual and responsible
- A spirit of creativity and collaboration
- Positive, can-do attitude
- Conversational bilingual skills (Spanish, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Russian, Nepali or other language represented in East Portland communities)

BENEFITS

- Learn about farmers markets, healthy food and the food system
- Develop skills in teaching youth and community involvement
- Contribute to a healthier community by helping families access & learn about health food
- Work with a fun, dedicated team of staff and volunteers in a lively, collaborative environment
- Spend time at a lively international farmers market!

How to Apply

Send an email inquiry to Anna Curtain, Food Scouts Coordinator, at anna@zengerfarm.org and fill out our online volunteer application at <https://zengerfarm.secure.force.com/volunteers>.