

The Volunteer Thymes

Dear Volunteer Friends,

Our volunteer season is well on its way with lots of opportunities to engage with Wasatch Community Gardens! Some exciting volunteer opportunities include our <u>Spring Plant Sale</u> where volunteers will receive an exclusive invite to our pre-sale Plant Sale, our weekly Garden Crews, and helping WCG staff in the office. Read about all our volunteer opportunities below and why not volunteer today?

Volunteering alongside our staff allows you to share your passion and dedication to help ensure our organization's success. It also provides an opportunity to participate in a community that shares similar values, interests, knowledge, experience, and skills, and to be a steward of the resources that are entrusted to all of us.

For questions about volunteer opportunities, completing the <u>volunteer application</u>, or attending our volunteer orientation, or for general volunteer questions, <u>email Felecia</u>, Volunteer & Outreach Director, or call her at <u>801.359.2658 x11</u>.

Volunteer Orientation

Our 2016 volunteer orientations have begun, so don't miss out! If you are interested in volunteering with Wasatch Community Gardens, want a refresher course on what is expected from our volunteers, or just want to connect with us but don't know where to start, please <u>RSVP for an orientation</u>.

Wednesday, April 6 OR 9:00 am - 10:00 am RawBean Coffee House & Drive Thru, upstairs 611 S West Temple, SLC Thursday, April 21 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm RawBean Coffee House & Drive Thru, upstairs 611 S West Temple, SLC Please note, we hold orientations the first Wednesday of each month from 9-10 am and the third Thursday of each month from 4-5 pm, in case you can't attend the orientations listed above.

Big thank you to <u>RawBean Coffee House & Drive Thru</u> for providing us space in which to meet!

Volunteer Opportunities



Volunteer at the Plant Sale

The Spring Plant Sale is Wasatch Community Gardens' biggest event and in order to host this event, we need more than 250 volunteers! There are numerous volunteer areas and shifts that meet your availability. Not to mention, you will receive awesome WCG perks, such as an exclusive invite to the Pre-Sale Plant Sale on May 6. Sign up to volunteer at our Plant Sale today!

Office Assistants

Looking to round out your resume or simply learn how a successful nonprofit organization runs? Join us in our office! Our office volunteers work with staff to help with a variety of projects including database and website maintenance, publicity and outreach, and research based projects.

Youth Educator Assistants

Help kids learn how to grow and eat healthy, organic, local food in the Youth Garden Program. Volunteers will assist youth educators with crafts, art projects, garden activities, and preparing healthy snacks. Volunteer times vary but are generally weekdays between the hours of 8:30am - 5:00pm. Commitment: 2 months.

Garden Crews

Garden Crews are small volunteer groups made up of individuals who are interested in learning about organic gardening through hands-on gardening practices. Responsibilities include but are not limited to: weeding, double-digging, mulching, art projects, planting, harvesting, cleaning out plots and garden spaces, and painting.

Weather permitting, spring garden crew dates are scheduled for Thursdays until April 28, from 4:00-6:00pm. Long-term commitments are not required.

Chicken Crew

Care for chickens and receive fresh chicken eggs weekly without the commitment of owning chickens! Chicken Crew volunteers are assigned one day a week to check on the chickens located at the Grateful Tomato Garden. Responsibilities include refilling water/food dish, deep cleaning water/food dish, general cleaning of coop, watching the chickens to see how they are socializing, and reporting any concerns or issues. Volunteers are rewarded with eggs on their assigned day. Commitment: 3 months.

Save the Date

Urban Garden & Farm Tour Sites Needed

Do you have an innovative, creative, or just downright awesome garden that you want to show to others? Do you fancy yourself an urban



homesteader with backyard chickens, composting systems, or rain barrels? If you live in Salt Lake City, <u>email Marybeth</u> if you are interested in being one of the stops on WCG's Urban Garden & Farm Tour, which will take place on Saturday, June 25, 2016.

Special Projects

Interpreters

If you speak another language, please consider being an interpreter for Wasatch Community Gardens as we communicate with our English language learner gardeners. This volunteer project is on an as-needed basis and we will work with your availability.

Carpenters, Electricians, Welders, & Plumbers

There are a few projects in our gardens that need some special attention. If you are a carpenter, electrician, or plumber or know of one who is reliable and affordable, please contact us!

Knowledge Experts

Are you an experienced gardener or are you doing something cool, innovative, and unique on the urban homestead front? Please consider teaching a workshop for Wasatch Community Gardens in 2016.

If you are interested in volunteering on a special project, or if you have talents we don't know about but you'd like to share with us, please <u>email Felecia</u>.

Stay Tuned & Thank You

In the coming months, we will share more information about how to volunteer for our Urban Garden and Farm Tour, as well as additional volunteer opportunities.

Thank you to each and every one of our volunteers for sharing your time and talents!

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