

## Oxbow Summer Camp Volunteer

Summer 2020 camp dates: June 22-26, July 6-10, July 20-24, July 27-31, August 10-14

### Oxbow's Mission

Our mission is to inspire people to eat healthy, sustainably grown food and to steward our natural resources for future generations. By creating connections to, curiosity about, and confidence in nature, Oxbow Education (OxEd) lays the foundation for future stewards of the Earth, giving people the tools and inspiration to cultivate their own relationship with their community, the food they eat, and the natural world.

### What We Offer

The Center is located on 240 acres of forest and grassland bordered by Western Washington's Snoqualmie River. We use this mixed landscape to:

*Produce food.* We cultivate 30 acres of mixed vegetable crops using agro-ecological principles and engage in research to inform conservation farming practice.

*Grow native plants.* We operate a native plant nursery that produces plants for habitat restoration projects, educational gardens, and urban landscapes, and conducts research on native plant propagation using sustainable growing methods.

*Connect children to nature.* We offer environmental education programs for children pre-K thru high school to build their comfort in the outdoors and provide them with opportunities to learn about the links between agriculture, conservation, and the environment.

### Position Overview

Summer camp volunteers will assist the camp instructors leading small groups of children ages 4-12 during day camp. As a volunteer you will help provide a successful camp experience for campers by keeping them engaged through facilitating a variety of educational games and activities. Volunteers typically work with the same small camp group throughout the week, assisting the Summer Camp Instructor of that group.

### Volunteer Responsibilities:

- Assist camp instructors with summer camp activities
- Assist with behavioral management of campers
- Help ensuring safety of campers
- Assist in setup and clean-up of daily camp activities; arriving an hour before and staying about an hour after the campers each day (usually 8am-4pm)

### Qualifications:

- High-energy and flexible
- Self-driven and motivated
- Interest in outdoor education
- Ability to do light physical work, including standing for several hours

- Age 14 or older; camper siblings & parents/guardians are encouraged to volunteer with us!
- Experience working with children preferred but not required
- Ability to pass a background check and attend on-farm training in June (let us know if this is a barrier, we are happy to discuss options and work with your schedule!)

**Benefits:**

- Great experience to add to a resume or college application
- 40+ community service hours per week
- Enjoy the natural beauty of Oxbow Farm & Conservation Center in the Snoqualmie Valley
- Have a fulfilling experience connecting children to nature and food systems
- Make new friends and network with other passionate educators and farmers
- Bring home fresh, seasonal, organic produce every day!

Session	Date	Theme	Ages	Camp Hours
1	June 22 – 26	Sweet Discoveries	4 - 8	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
2	July 6 – 10	Guardians of the Plants	7 - 11	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
3	July 20 – 24	Guardians of the Plants / Dig Deeper	4 -8 / 11-14	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
4	July 27 – 31	Sweet Discoveries	7 - 11	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
5	August 10 – 14	Guardians of the Plants / Dig Deeper	4 - 8 / 11-14	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**How to Apply:**

Applications are located at <http://www.oxbow.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

If interested, please email or snail-mail your application form to:

[volunteer@oxbow.org](mailto:volunteer@oxbow.org)

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