



Kids' Farm Volunteer

February- November: OxEd Farmers usually onsite Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

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

Oxbow Farm & Conservation Center is looking for volunteers to assist in the growing and upkeep of Oxbow's two-acre Kids' Farm and Living Playground. No experience needed, just bring your enthusiasm and understand that farm work can often get messy!

Commitment

The Kids' Farm team appreciates season-long or ongoing commitment from volunteers (one day per week is great) but can accommodate one-time work parties or individual project requests on a case by case basis. Please plan to spend three hours or more on the farm so we can get some solid work done!

Volunteer Responsibilities: (vary by season)

- Seed sowing, transplanting
- Seed bed preparation
- Hoop house upkeep, trellising, irrigation



- Weed and pest management
- Crop harvest
- Pruning perennials
- Living Playground feature construction and upkeep (may include: living tunnel, bean arena, grape grotto)
- Other opportunities as they arise!

Qualifications

- High-energy, enthusiastic and flexible
- Interest in farming/gardening
- Ability to: work while standing, sitting, bending over, or kneeling; lift heavy & awkward objects, preferably up to 50 lbs; perform physical work such as digging or planting, all in inclement weather.
- Creativity! Construction, sculpture, painting, or other art experience a bonus
- Ability to pass a background check

Benefits:

- Great experience to add to a resume or college application
- Flexible schedule and commitment to meet your needs
- Community service hours
- Learn from our Farmer-Educators, who have experience in environmental science, natural resource management, food systems, education, and plant biology
- Enjoy the beauty of Oxbow Farm and contribute to the success of the Conservation Center
- Get creative and contribute to the whimsical features of the Kids' Farm
- Harvest and take home seasonal organic produce every time you volunteer!

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

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If you have any questions, please call 425-788-1134 ext. 3 or send an email to volunteer@oxbow.org.

