



GARDEN LEADER POSITION DESCRIPTION

Summary: Back-Farms connects the community with senior citizens who donate their yard space to grow produce in. This produce is shared between the garden apprentices, participating seniors, and Free Market Stands held at Salt Lake County Senior Centers.

Position Information

Garden Leaders are responsible for properly building, tending, and harvesting gardens they are assigned to for the entire growing season. Garden Leaders will visit up to 15 gardens over the course of the season. In the gardens, they will meet with volunteer Garden Apprentices to teach them gardening skills from our assigned curriculum. They are responsible for tracking vegetable harvests, taking vegetables to the GULB Community Farm, and managing volunteer groups. They will use our Back-Farms truck, tools, seeds, transplants, and irrigation to grow produce.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

- Ability to work 26 hrs a week
- Meet Garden Apprentices at assigned meeting times
- Teach Garden Apprentices organic and intensive gardening methods
- Construct gardens
- Install and repair custom drip irrigation systems
- Plant gardens using intensive planting methods to maximize production in small spaces
- Lead volunteer groups at assigned gardens
- Conduct two weekly visits at each garden
- Harvest gardens
- Pack harvested vegetables for senior markets
- Maintain professional relationships with participating seniors
- Be communicative with seniors regarding program logistics and protocol
- Track activities and harvests in garden log and report to Back-Farms Coordinator
- Update necessary irrigation and garden install tracking spreadsheets
- Report hours to Executive Director on the 1st and 15th of every month

Position Requirements

- Must be able to lift 40 lbs
- Experience working with sensitive communities
- Valid driver's license
- Experience organic gardening

Compensation

- \$13.00-\$14/hr
- Access to freshly grown and locally sourced fruits and veggies

Position begins as soon as possible. Please email Jess at backfarms@gulb.org a resume and cover letter to express your interest in this position.