

Volunteering at The FARM Institute

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at The FARM Institute (TFI). TFI will bloom this season with your enthusiastic support and energetic participation. Together we will create an environment that demonstrates the importance of local and sustainable agriculture to our community.

While volunteering at TFI you will be working in a dynamic farming and teaching environment. Here you will interact with teachers, students and experienced farm staff, and be encouraged to participate in ongoing education and agriculture projects. We aim to provide an environment where you can learn new skills and share your talents with us.

We are an active part of the community, and we want you to be an active part of our organization. Whether you like working with animals, tending gardens, or working in an office, we have the perfect opportunity for you! It doesn't matter if you are younger, older, or somewhere in-between. Come share your talents and skills with us, and feel a wonderful sense of accomplishment by volunteering with us. With your support we will create one of the best teaching farms in New England.

Volunteering is easy:

- 1) Please fill out the volunteer application and submit it with a brief letter of intent.
- 2) A TFI staff member will then call to discuss volunteer opportunities with you.
Tell us your interests, and we will provide the training for a rewarding experience.
- 3) TFI staff will then arrange a time to give you a tour of the farm and TFI buildings.

We look forward to working with you at the farm this season!

Volunteer Opportunities at TFI

Education Volunteers:

As an education volunteer you will help us attain our mission to reconnect children and the community with the culture of agriculture. Our teachers welcome you to contribute to our education programs in the classroom, in the Friendship Garden, and out in the fields. If you have past teaching experience or possess the desire to share your enthusiasm for farming, then this volunteer position is the one for you!

Farming and Gardening Volunteers:

You will assist in the many diverse farming activities at Katama Farm. If you enjoy being outdoors, helping gardens grow, or love animals we have a role for you. Whether you are planting or weeding, feeding livestock or fencing, you will make a significant impact at the farm. This volunteer opportunity will require manual dexterity, and at times the joy of hard work.

Office Volunteers:

Office assistants will provide critical event planning, outreach, and administrative support. Your help in the TFI office will enable us to execute fundraising and "friend-raising" celebrations that support our mission.

Event Volunteers:

TFI hosts many fundraising and friendraising events throughout the year. Your help at a TFI event could involve set-up, staffing a booth, selling t-shirts and hats, welcoming guests and visitors, and clean-up. Inherent in all of these positions is the desire to help TFI spread its mission and get the community involved. Your help ensures our success!

Summer Camp Volunteers:

One way to get involved with teaching and farming at TFI is through our summer camp. TFI camp provides week-long learning opportunities for children ages 4-14. The children get hands-on experience working with a wide variety of livestock, field crops, gardening, as well as in carpentry and farm mechanics. Your volunteering would provide added support to our summer camp teaching staff. If you have experience working with children and wish to share in a unique learning experience this is the volunteer opportunity for you.

The possibilities are endless! TFI will work with you to create the right fit for your skills and our needs. Thank you for your consideration in being a part of the TFI team.



Food, Agriculture &
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Volunteer Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business: _____

Email: _____

Occupation: _____

Volunteer Information:

How would you like to help? Please circle specific interests:

Animal Husbandry	Education	Plumbing
Afterschool Programs	Electrical Work	Website Updating
Building/Carpentry	Events	Writing
Camp	Field Trips	Visitor Experience
Chicken Processing	Fundraising	Corn Maze
Chores	Gardening/Landscaping	Community Outreach
Haying	Cooking	Office/Administration
Other (Please Specify) _____		

Please include a letter expressing why you want to work at the farm and what you hope to learn while volunteering with us.

Hours & Days and/or Seasons (year-round, summer) available:

Special skills, training:
