



Liberty Prairie

Position Title: Garden Steward Volunteer

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Liberty Prairie is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in Grayslake, Illinois. **Our mission** is to build skills and pathways toward land, human, and local economic health. Liberty Prairie manages a 94 acre farm with annual, perennial, and natural land area within the Prairie Crossing community.

In spring of 2024, we announced our plans to expand our farm and learning campus, now known as the Living Laboratory. In the midst of all of these exciting changes, we are seeking support from our community of volunteers, in order to build hands-on educational spaces that inspire future generations of scientists and change makers. With your support, we will create themed garden spaces from scratch, engage in creative projects, and participate in a variety of garden-based activities. This is an opportunity to help build and nurture something beautiful. Volunteers can anticipate the program growing and evolving along with the new garden spaces.

Expectations

At this time, we are recruiting volunteers for scheduled service day opportunities, with the possibility for more consistent roles to be created in the future. In order to participate in service days, you must register as a Liberty Prairie volunteer using our volunteer platform, Civic Champs. Youth under the age of 13 must be accompanied by a parent in order to participate. Individuals under the age of 18 will require parental consent in order to participate. All individuals must sign a waiver and photo release. We anticipate 2-3 scheduled service opportunities per month with a flexible time frame of 2-3 hours, typically taking place on Tuesdays and Saturdays. There will be both adult (Tuesday) and family geared opportunities (Saturday, open to all audiences). Service days may change with the seasons. As a garden volunteer, you can expect to engage in various physical actions including: lifting, carrying, bending, kneeling, pushing, crouching, reaching, standing and walking.

Essential Qualities

We are seeking enthusiastic team players that are passionate about gardening and education with a commitment to safety. Basic gardening experience, flexibility, a willingness to learn, and positivity are essential qualities. Capability to perform physical tasks such as planting, weeding, digging, watering, and pruning for extended periods is required.

We look forward to welcoming you to our community and cultivating something extraordinary! Prospective volunteers should submit an application on the [Liberty Prairie website](#). Please reach out to Volunteer Manager Penny Burke (penny@libertyprairie.org) if you have any questions!