



Liberty Prairie

Farm Store Volunteer

About the Liberty Prairie Farm Store:

Located in Prairie Crossing's Station Square, we feature organically grown vegetables from our farm as well as fruit, grains, flours, meats, sauces, soups, and seasonal surprises, much of which is grown within 300 miles of the store. We are accessible by train, bus, car, bike, and foot.

One primary goal is for midwestern folks to have access to high quality midwestern food year-round. We currently feature 40 farms and food entrepreneurs. We accept cash, credit, digital wallets, Senior and WIC FMNP program checks, SNAP/EBT, and Link Match vouchers.

Role Summary:

A Liberty Prairie Farm Store Volunteer provides friendly and warm customer care, helps maintain a clean and comfortable environment with stocked shelves, is committed to food access and wants to contribute time to enable this result, connects customers with Liberty Prairie programs, communications, and resources, and serves as an ambassador for products in the store reflecting the farms and producers in the way they represent themselves. The Farm Store is a vibrant seasonal environment that changes quickly. All volunteers should be capable of handling fast paced and physically demanding shifts where stocking takes place. Service at the Farm Store may involve prolonged standing or sitting, bending, kneeling, crouching, reaching, lifting, and carrying. Volunteers will be expected to freely lift up to 25 lbs, and up to 50 lbs with tools and/or assistance. All reasonable accommodation requests will be taken into consideration.

Reporting to: Customer Experience Director

About Liberty Prairie:

Liberty Prairie is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Grayslake, Illinois. Our 95 acre conservation farm and programs focus on sustainable agriculture and environmental stewardship at the urban edge. Our mission is *to build skills and pathways toward land, human, and local economic health*. One of the ways we deliver on our mission is by operating the Liberty Prairie Farm Store.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging:

Liberty Prairie works to create an environment that welcomes folks from a variety of backgrounds, perspectives, cultures, skills, and experiences, knowing that the more inclusive we are, the more successful and creative we will be. We recognize that the people we serve are unique in their backgrounds, beliefs, opportunities, and challenges. We strive to embody and embrace that in our work, acknowledging and celebrating the differences within each other.

Essential Qualities:

- A detail-oriented, team-player
- Dependable, adaptable, trust-worthy
- Positive, can-do attitude
- Excellent customer service skills

Preferred Qualities:

- Multilingual
- Ability to multitask
- General interest in food, cooking, and sustainability
- Comfortable with computers and standard office equipment

Hours:

The Farm Store is open Wednesday through Sunday each week. Hours of operation change seasonally. Volunteers must commit to two, two-hour shifts monthly, at minimum. Shifts take place between 10:30am - 12:30pm and 2:30pm - 4:30pm.

Training and Onboarding:

Prospective volunteers must complete an interview prior to onboarding. A background check may be required. Training is an 8 hour experience designed to be completed in a 30 day period. Following training, individuals register for at least 2 shifts monthly and ideally on a weekly basis. This is a commitment of at least 48 hours annually. All Liberty Prairie volunteers record their time, and sign a waiver and photo release. Volunteers must be 18 years or older.

Benefits:

Volunteers receive 5% off in the store, and have complimentary access to the Community Room (based on hours and availability).

Interested in joining us? Email volunteer@libertyprairie to start the process

Acceptance of Volunteer Opportunity:

The role of Farm Store Volunteer is being offered to _____ (*printed name*)
by _____ (*staff member*) on _____ (*today's date*). Your signature indicates your agreement for volunteer service, and your understanding of the aforementioned responsibilities.

Volunteer Signature

Staff Signature