



So you want to Volunteer with the Zenger Farm Youth Education Program?

This is what WE do:

The **Youth Education Program (YEP)** at Zenger Farm brings local K-12 children to the farm to get their hands dirty and learn where their food comes from. The Youth Education Program provides visiting youth with year-round opportunities to learn about sustainable farming practices, healthy soils, and wetland ecology. Through experiential and sensory-based programs, as well as service-learning projects, kids learn about the relationship between farming and environmental stewardship.

Field Trip Program: (September-June)

During the school-year Zenger Farm operates a Field Trip Program, hosting school classes and youth organizations from throughout the greater Portland area. In the 2006-2007 school year we hosted 2800 youth visits at the farm. Visiting groups participate in one or more of the following educational programs:

- **Farm Tour:** This touching, tasting, smelling tour engages students of all ages and explores all the farm has to offer.
- **Super Soils:** Trace everyday items back to their soil origin, discover the components of soil, look at the roles of worms in making soil, and understand how humans can create healthy soils through composting.
- **Critters in the Garden:** Learn about the parts of an insect and explore the role of beneficial insects and pests on the farm.
- **People Need Plants:** Discover the many uses and various parts of plants, and find out what plants need to grow, feed themselves, and us.
- **Wetland Ecology:** Explore the functions and values of a wetland ecosystem and study on-site water quality by sampling aquatic macro invertebrates living in the wetland.
- **Service-Learning:** Get dirty and work together with peers on seasonal farming projects.

Field trip schedule: Tuesday-Friday, and they typically run either in the morning from 9:30-11am, in the afternoon from 12:30-2pm, or all day from 9:30-1:00.

This is what YOU can do!

As an **Education Volunteer**, you will be responsible for assisting the Education Coordinator in leading field trips for K-12 students at Zenger Farm. This will involve assisting in large group dynamics for intro and closure activities and leading a smaller group through program activities.

This is a great opportunity to get experience teaching environmental education in an outdoor, hands-on setting. We will provide training, support and peer evaluation.

Desired Experience and Qualities:

- Outdoor education background
- Farming/gardening experience
- Ease in relating to and connecting with youth
- Positive attitude and high level of flexibility
- Ability/willingness to take initiative
- Sense of humor

Commitment:

Attend the Volunteer Training **March 15 and 16th from 9am-12pm** (Saturday and Sunday)

In return for the training you will receive, we expect that volunteers will **commit to at least 5 days of service between March 17th and June 13th.**

Please RSVP by Wed, March 12th to Jackie at Zenger Farm
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