Farm School Volunteer  
Zenger Farm, Portland Oregon  
Applications accepted on a rolling basis  
Position Type: unpaid volunteer

**ZENGER FARM** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit working urban farm that models, promotes and educates about sustainable food systems, environmental stewardship, community development and access to good food for all.

**Farm School Volunteers** will support the Farm School program at Zenger Farm which serves 5th graders in the David Douglas School District. Farm School students visit the farm 3 times during their school year to learn science and gain confidence as outdoor learners. Volunteers will support experiential lessons focused on sustainable agriculture, plants, wetland ecology, healthy food, scientific inquiry, weather, climate, insects, worms, and more. Volunteers will be an integral part of the Zenger Farm community, working as part of a team alongside staff. Bilingual volunteers are especially encouraged to apply (Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Russian, Nepalese or other languages represented in East Portland immigrant communities). As a social justice, food access, and education centered nonprofit, we believe nourishment is a basic human right and that the root causes of systemic inequity in the food system—racism, capitalism, colonialism, and other systems of oppression—must be addressed and dismantled to create a just food system.

**TIME COMMITMENT**
- **Seasonal commitment of at least one Farm School season (approx 6 weeks) at a time**
- 5 to 20 hours a week; volunteers will need to establish a regular day of the week and time frame for this position if possible
- Weekly time commitment and schedule will be discussed with each applicant to meet the needs of the Volunteer and Zenger Farm
- Farm School runs Sept-Oct and Jan-April on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 9am-2:15pm

**RESPONSIBILITIES**
- Provide support to educators as they lead Farm School Field Trips to 5th Graders: assist with materials, activities and student engagement
- Interact with participants and volunteers in an enthusiastic and friendly manner
- Maintain clear and open communication with Zenger Farm staff, interns and volunteers

**QUALIFICATIONS**
- Must enjoy working with children and adults
- Positive, can do attitude
- Ability to work in a farm setting, lift up to 30lbs, navigate hilly terrain, and use hand tools
- Ability to obtain a Food Handlers Certification
- Must complete a criminal background check

**BENEFITS**
- Farm fresh produce when available
- Opportunity to develop skills and experience teaching and facilitating environmental education
- Learn and practice sustainable gardening/farming techniques in the Pacific Northwest
- Work with a fun and dedicated team of staff, interns and volunteers in a lively and collaborative environment
- Spend time at a beautiful urban farm and in a diverse and culturally unique neighborhood

**HOW TO APPLY**

Fill out our Volunteer Application ([link here](#)), and in the “How did you hear about Zenger” section indicate you’re interested in supporting Farm School! We’ll contact you with follow up questions.