Position Title: Summer Camp Volunteers
Location: Zenger Farm - Portland, OR
Position Type: Unpaid/part-time volunteer experience
Timeline: Applications accepted on a rolling basis. Early applications are encouraged.

Zenger Farm is a 501(c)3 nonprofit working urban farm in Portland, OR that models, promotes, and educates about sustainable food systems, environmental stewardship, community development, and access to good food for all. We are guided by a vision of a healthy, resilient community, where the wellbeing and prosperity of children and adults, regardless of race, geography or socio-economic status, is enhanced through access to affordable, plentiful and nourishing foods. As a justice centered, food access and education non-profit, we believe nourishment is a basic human right and that the root causes of inequitable food access – racism, poverty and other systems of oppression – must be addressed to create a just food system.

We encourage Black, Indigenous, and people of color, women, LGBTQ+ people, religious minorities, recent migrants/refugees, people with disabilities, and applicants from different generational and economic backgrounds to apply.

About this Position:

Summer Camp Volunteers will support our educators with facilitating Zenger Farm's Summer Camp activity stations, serving K-12 aged campers. ZF Summer Camp offers local families quality childcare and campers the opportunity to build their relationship to nature and food through the farm in a meaningful way. Summer Camp Volunteers contribute to the mission of the organization by supporting onsite education programs that focus on engagement of sensory observation, connections with land, land stewardship, indigenous plant knowledge, holistic approach to nutrition and wellness, and more. **This is a temporary position from June through the end of August.**

Time Commitments:

Summer Camp Lead Volunteer
● Available during Summer Camp programs: Early June through end of August
● Frequency: Tuesday through Friday, 15-24 hours/week. Minimum commitment of 2 weeks

Summer Camp Float Volunteer
● Available during Summer Camp programs: Early June through end of August
● Frequency: Available to volunteer weekly, 5-10 hours/week. Minimum commitment of 4 weeks.

Essential Duties:

● Support Farm Educators with Summer Camp programming
● Facilitate garden and farm stewardship projects with children and adults
● Manage groups safely and with inclusivity, kindness, patience, and positive discipline
● Interact with participants and volunteers in a friendly manner

- Maintain a safe and organized work environment for youth and adults
- Maintain clear and open communication with Zenger Farm staff and volunteers
- Support youth with varied needs through trauma informed strategies

Qualifications:
- A commitment to and passion for Zenger Farm's mission
- Some experience leading education programs and/or working with youth in outdoor settings is a plus.
- Experience and comfort with group and behavior management
- Interest in gardening, food, and environmental justice
- Excellent communication skills and enjoy working with both children and adults
- Understanding of systems of inequity and oppression, both intentional and unintentional, and these system's impacts on youth and communities
- Able to obtain Food Handlers Card, First Aid, CPR certification (paid for by Zenger)
- Ability to comply with all school district and state requirements regarding COVID vaccinations and background checks
- Be positive, flexible, and self-directed
- Ability to work in a farm setting, walk or stand for extended periods of time, and work in inclement weather

Benefits
- Opportunity to develop skills and experience teaching and facilitating outdoor education.
- Work with a fun and dedicated team of staff and volunteers in a lively and collaborative environment.

To Apply:
Please fill out the **application form** and attach a resume. Applicants reviewed and interviewed as submitted. If you have additional questions please email jae@zengerfarm.org.