



Edible Schoolyard NYC Fall Garden Volunteer Program

About Edible Schoolyard NYC

Edible Schoolyard NYC partners with public schools to build gardens and kitchen classrooms where children can engage in hands-on learning. Our goal is to provide students with the knowledge, skills and environment required to make healthier choices and change the way they eat for life.

Position Description

The Garden Volunteer Program is a weekly program that runs for 9 weeks from September through mid-November at P.S./M.S. 7 and Global Tech in East Harlem. **Volunteers are expected to work a minimum of 6 out of the 9 total weeks.** Working under the supervision of the Garden Manager, the volunteer assists with garden maintenance; cultivates food grown for the kitchen classroom; and models positive behavior in the outdoor learning classroom, which inspires wonder and respect for the environment, each other, and their health.

Semester-long volunteers have the opportunity to develop and share skills related to growing organic food in an urban environment, and will work alongside equally enthusiastic advocates of edible education. This is not a teaching position.

Garden Responsibilities:

- Building the garden: light carpentry, painting, installing & troubleshooting irrigation
- Seasonal gardening tasks: watering, fertilizing, weeding, managing pests, supporting plants, pruning, trimming, deadheading
- Routine garden maintenance and cleanup: caring for tools and equipment, organizing storage areas & supplies, keeping garden tidy & teaching-ready
- Caring for street trees: building tree guards, improving the soil, planting groundcovers and bulbs, watering

Duration

The Fall Garden Volunteer Program is a 9-week unpaid program that takes place on Wednesdays from 1 PM to 3 PM at P.S./M.S. 7 and Global Tech in East Harlem, NY. The program begins the week of September 22, 2014 and concludes the week of November 17, 2014. All volunteers are required to attend a mandatory Orientation Training on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 from 1-3pm at P.S./M.S. 7 and Global Tech in East Harlem, NY.

Application Information

Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume with "Fall Garden Volunteer Program" in the subject line to as@esynyc.org. Please specify why you are interested in this opportunity and any relevant work experience. **Applications will be accepted until Monday, September 15, 2014.** Selected applicants must pass a background check. No phone calls or drop-ins, please.