



Edible Schoolyard NYC Spring 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 mission is to transform the hearts, minds, and eating habits of young New Yorkers through an integrated seed-to-table education.

Position Description

The Garden Volunteer Program is a weekly program that runs for 13 weeks from April through June at P.S./M.S. 7 and Global Tech in East Harlem (P.S. 7). **Volunteers are expected to work a minimum of 10 out of the 13 total weeks.** Working under the supervision of the Garden Manager or Assistant 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 Spring Garden Volunteer Program is a 13-week unpaid program that takes place on Wednesdays from 10 AM to 2 PM at P.S. 7, including a break for lunch. The program begins April 1, 2015 and ends on June 24, 2015. *All volunteers are required to attend a mandatory Orientation Training on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 from 10am-12pm at P.S. 7.*

Application Information

We are seeking a maximum of 6 volunteers for the spring semester. Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume with "Spring Garden Volunteer Program" in the subject line to Annette Slonim at as@esynyc.org. Please specify why you are interested in this opportunity and any relevant work experience. **Applications will be accepted until Wednesday, March 11, 2015.** Selected applicants must pass a background check. No phone calls or drop-ins, please.