



Sierra Harvest Volunteer Opportunity 2018

Harvest Leader for the Sierra Harvest Gold Country Gleaning Program

Position overview: Harvest Leaders are volunteers who love harvesting fruit who commit to leading a crew of volunteers up to twice a month June-Oct picking fruit that would otherwise go to waste from farms and home orchards and bringing it to the local food agency to be distributed to those in need.

Commitment: 1-2 Harvests a month for 5 months. Harvests last 1 ½ -3 hours plus scouting, equipment pick-up and fruit delivery.

Qualifications: The ideal candidate will have a strong interest serving the community and enjoy picking fruits and vegetables. This volunteer should be detail oriented, personable, and feel comfortable in a leading a group of volunteers. He/she should enjoy sharing Sierra Harvest's work to inspire continued volunteerism. Must be able to lift 40lb boxes.

Having a vehicle that can transport 7-10 boxes of produce, fruit pickers or ladders is a plus. (Supplies provided by Sierra Harvest). Possible option to borrow Sierra Harvest's vehicle. All volunteers driving a personal vehicle for any Sierra Harvest related business must be approved by their supervisor and shall maintain a valid driver's license, insurance, and must operate the vehicle in a safe manner at all times.

Positions available: Harvest Leaders for Nevada City, Grass Valley, Penn Valley/Rough&Ready, South County, Chicago Park, North San Juan, and Mt. Bounty Farm.

Details: At the beginning of the harvest season, leaders will be given a list of gleaning sites within their harvest area. The harvest leader will represent Sierra Harvest as the contact for each of the sites. They will call homeowners and determine if they have a gleanable harvest and if they would like to have their fruit gleaned this year. They will then schedule a time to scout the site and determine the ladders, volunteer number and supplies necessary. They will then schedule a gleaning event and have it posted on the Sierra Harvest website for volunteers to register for. The day of, they will pick up necessary supplies, meet volunteers train, guide, and coach volunteers through a morning of safe harvesting; and meet and interact with homeowners. Once harvest is complete they will deliver supplies and harvest to Interfaith food bank, and weighing and recording harvest.

Benefits of Volunteering:

- Learn leadership skills directing a diverse array of volunteers.
- Taste and take home seconds of delicious seasonal fruits.
- Meet new like-minded people.

- Learn the seasonality of locally grown produce.

Training:

- Attend one gleaning event prior to leading your own.
- Attend 1-2hour harvest leader training at Sierra Harvest office once a year including volunteer management, safe harvesting and data tracking.

Additional Information: Bring water, snack, hat, sunscreen, and work gloves. Wear closed toe shoes for safety.

Staff Contact: Miriam Limov, Engagement Manager for more info – miriam@sierraharvest.org

Apply online at: <https://sierraharvest.org/connect/share-your-harvest/>

Sierra Harvest's mission is to educate, inspire, and connect Nevada County families to fresh, local, seasonal food.