



Sierra Harvest Volunteer Opportunity 2022

Farm Institute Ag Skills Welcome Volunteer

Position Overview and Impact: The Farm Institute Ag Skills Welcome Volunteer helps facilitate on-site class logistics, arrives early to class, welcomes and orients attendees, is the liaison with the host farmer and answers basic questions from guests about Sierra Harvest.

The Sierra Harvest Farm Institute helps people to learn farming skills, build a better farm business, find farmland, and connect to our community.

Agricultural Skills Course, Tuesdays from 4-6:00PM May – August, 2022

The Ag Skills classes provide a season of hands-on learning for beginning farmers. From building soil and growing flowers to irrigation and dealing with weeds, each class focuses on tangible skills necessary for farming success in the foothills. Peer-to-peer classes are taught on-farm, by farmers and each includes a farm tour. Ag Skills courses are geared towards commercial farmers and are a great way to network within the farming community *and* hone your farming skillset.

Course list can be found [here](#).

Note: Sierra Harvest is following all Covid-19 protocols as directed by the CADPH.

- **Day of the event: arrive 15-30 minutes early to set up**
 - Introduce yourself to the hosting farmer/s and work with them to find a good place to welcome all class participants.
 - Set up check-in table with list of attendees, nametags, and Covid-19 safety supplies.
 - Check-in with hosts on where to direct folk to go to the bathroom and water. Bathrooms may not be available in all farm locations.
- **During the event: welcome attendees, have the student's complete nametags, give overview of Sierra Harvest and introduce the hosts. Take photos during the event.**
 - Welcome attendees and have them write up a nametag

-Give a short presentation: welcome the attendees, give an overview of Sierra Harvest, and about the class they are taking today, Covid-19 safety guidelines during the class and introduce the farmer(s) to the guests and thank them for hosting.

-Take photos of participants during the event that have signed the media release form.

- **After the event**

-Thanks the farmer for hosting.

-Thank all the participants for attending and let them know what the upcoming classes will be in case they want to sign up for them (if they are open still).

-Email Farm Institute Associate the list of participants, photos and any suggestions you have about this class.

Location: Various farm sites in Nevada County and Placer County.

Time/Date: Arrive at each class a minimum of 15 minutes early to greet the farm owner and check in all the attendees. Stay the entire class to wrap up the session and thank all attendees for participating.

Time Commitment: About 4+ hours per class including drive time.

Qualifications and Skills Required: Ability to drive your own car to classes; transport and carry supplies for welcoming attendees; walk on uneven surfaces; have enthusiasm for Sierra Harvest's work and be able to answer basic questions about it; have a friendly disposition for greeting guests and working with farmers.

Benefits of Volunteering: Opportunity to take the full set of Ag Skills classes for FREE and gain a broad spectrum of farming techniques.

Staff Contact: Molly Nakahara, Farm Institute Director at molly@sierraharvest.org.

How to apply: Email Molly with your interest for this volunteer position including information about if you are working on a farm, own a farm or what your farm plans might be.

Sierra Harvest's mission is transforming lives and strengthening community through fresh, local, seasonal food.

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