



WHAT TO EXPECT

Shalom Farms' 12-acre, sustainable, vegetable farm depends on volunteers to grow and produce healthy food for our community. **Thank you so much for donating your time and hard work!**

We work with volunteers Mondays-Thursdays from 9-noon and 1-4pm, and on Saturdays from 9-noon. New volunteers and groups can expect the following schedule when they come out for their day of service.

8:45am/12:45pm: Arrival and settling in

9am/1pm: Educational tour: we like to give our volunteers some context before we get to work. We will walk through the farm to give you a sense of what we grow, how we grow it, and why we grow it.

9:30/1:30: We all get to work! Volunteers are encouraged to take breaks for water and shade as needed.

11:45pm/3:45pm: Clean-up, wrap-up, group photos and "thank you"s. We'll finish up by Noon or 4pm respectively.



Every volunteer visit is different, and farm tasks vary widely depending on group size, age, and time of year. The following list is meant to give you a *general idea* of typical, seasonal volunteer tasks on the farm. **There are many variables that effect our day to day work, and it can be very challenging to predict exactly which tasks you or your group will be doing more than a few days ahead of time.** We thank you in advance for your flexibility.

<p>Spring Transplanting spring and summer crops Staking and covering newly planted crops Cleaning tools (crates, buckets, hand tools) Laying plastic mulch for weed prevention Hoeing and hand weeding Harvesting greens</p>	<p>Summer Planting summer and fall crops Harvesting tomatoes, peppers, onions, potatoes, zucchini, beans and greens Laying plastic mulch for weed prevention Hoeing and hand weeding Cleaning, sorting and packing produce Clearing irrigation and plastic mulch from spring fields</p>
<p>Fall Planting fall and winter crops Harvesting cabbage, carrots, winter squash, greens, peppers, and sweet potatoes. Cleaning, sorting and packing produce Clearing irrigation and plastic mulch from summer fields Outbuilding clean-up and organization</p>	<p>Winter Fall field clean-up Hoop House maintenance Harvesting from Hoop Houses Outbuilding clean-up and organization Clearing irrigation and plastic mulch from all fields</p>

