

SERVICE-LEARNING YELLOW PAGES PLACEMENT SITE

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Name of Agency: Oxbow Farm and Conservation Center
Volunteer Site Address: 10819 Carnation-Duvall Rd NE, Carnation 98014
Mailing Address: Same
Agency Hours: 8am-5pm
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Agency Description:

Located 25 miles east of Seattle in the beautiful Snoqualmie Valley, Oxbow is a non-profit organization that inspires people to eat healthy, sustainably grown food and to steward our natural resources for future generations. The land serves as a living laboratory where we research and practice ecological agricultural methods to improve and protect the ecosystem, grow food and native plants, and educate people of all ages about farming and the environment.

Position Descriptions: (See Website or more details)

1. **Conservation Volunteer:** Assist staff with conservation efforts and deepen their understanding of the entire conservation process. Volunteers may be invited to work independently on conservation tasks or participate in ongoing research projects as they increase their familiarity with Oxbow, its grounds, and the team members. Tasks will include weeding, planting, walking/hiking, digging, cutting, and some lifting
2. **Habitat Restoration Volunteer:** Assist staff with habitat restoration projects to improve critical habitats for plants and wildlife around the farm and occasionally offsite. Volunteers may be invited to work independently on restoration tasks or participate in ongoing research projects as they increase their familiarity with Oxbow, its grounds, and the team members. Tasks will include weeding, planting, walking/hiking, digging, cutting, and some lifting.

Days and hours students can serve in these positions:

1. **Conservation:** year-round position on every Wednesday; 9:00am-12:00pm or 1:00-4:00pm. Volunteers will need to communicate with the volunteer coordinator which time block they wish to work **PRIOR** to starting their shift.
2. **Restoration:** year-round position on every second Saturday of the month; 10:00am-1:00pm. Volunteers will need to communicate with the volunteer coordinator **PRIOR** to the Saturday that they wish to work to verify staffing capacity.

Minimum time commitment required of volunteers:

1. Volunteers should be prepared to work onsite or offsite (location will be predetermined and communicated to volunteers)
2. Volunteers should commit to at least 3 hours per visit

What qualities, abilities and skills are important at your agency?

- Exceptionally positive attitude
- Must enjoy working with others
- Ability to take direction, ask for help when necessary, and accept constructive feedback on work and technique
- Clear, consistent communication
- Ability to: work standing, sitting, bending over or kneeling; lift heavy and awkward objects, preferable up to 50 lbs.; perform physical work such as digging or planting; all in inclement weather (especially for Restoration)
- Prior experience in agriculture, sustainability, food systems, education, or environmental studies preferred but not required
- Ability to pass a background check
- Interest in biology, ecology, environmental studies or restoration required

Is volunteer orientation provided? Yes

Length of time students should budget for it: 4 hours – on-the-job, during first visit

Is on-site supervision provided? Yes

Number of Service-Learning positions available per quarter: Open

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