Volunteer Opportunity Description: *Weed Wranglers Garden Crew for the Children’s Garden*

**Description/Purpose**
Join our garden crew this summer at the Children’s Garden behind the Marion Andrus Learning Center. Help inspire children’s love of nature and success in the garden by planting, tending seedlings, mulching paths, checking for common garden pests, and weeding. We will be working when the kids are not there (sort of like magical maintenance elves!)

**Responsibilities**
Basic vegetable garden maintenance guided by the Children’s Garden Instructor. If you cannot tell the difference between a weed and a vegetable, don’t worry I can teach you!
- Showing up
- Helping out
- Having fun!

**Required Skills/Tasks**
- Ability to follow directions
- Ability to kneel or sit for a time
- Planting items that didn’t grow or that kids pulled out
- Spreading straw/hay
- Watering
- Tying up plants
- Other tasks as they arise

**Time Commitment and Schedule Details**
To be determined based on volunteer availability.

**Benefits**
Have fun working outside, fresh air, vegetable garden knowledge, creating an engaging garden environment for kids, an excuse to visit the Arboretum every week during summer!

**Work Environment:**
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**How to Apply for this Opportunity**
If you are currently an Arboretum Volunteer and would like to apply for this opportunity, please contact the supervisor and set up an interview.

**Staff Supervisor & Contact Information**
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