Volunteer Job Description: The Gardener Is In! Harvest and Teach in the Garden

Help us teach about growing gardens: Volunteer Saturday mornings in the garden
This summer the Arboretum is having a garden challenge to find out how much food we can grow in a small veggie garden. Each Saturday morning 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. June 5 – August 28 we will harvest and tally overall season totals from five small gardens. Volunteers are needed to help with the harvest, answer gardening questions from the public, and assist in garden activities. Pick up some tips from Arboretum staff and Master Gardeners and 'dig in' to the week's garden activity.

Responsibilities
- Help set up/clean up the learning station in the garden
- Answer gardening questions
- Assist in weekly harvest and tally
- Help with garden activities such as making a pot to take home, planting tomatoes, thinning a row in the garden, brewing compost tea, showing off our worm bins (activities will vary as the growing season advances)

Required Skills
- Enjoy working with people and learning new things about plants
- Basic vegetable growing experience is helpful

Time Commitment and Schedule Details
- Commit to a minimum of 1 Saturday this summer; 9:30 am -11:30 a.m.
- Attend initial training on Saturday June 5th 9 am-10 am and/or observe a Saturday session in action
- Respond to calls for additional help, depending on your availability

Benefits
- Learn some amazing new things about plants
- Have fun in the garden and help others learn how to grow their own veggie gardens
- Contribute to the mission of the education department

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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. Training will be Saturday June 5th 9-10 a.m.

Supervisor & Contact Information
Ariel Dressler, Family Programs Coordinator 952-443-1527 dress072@umn.edu

To become an Arboretum Volunteer, you first need to complete the Arboretum Volunteer Application Form and participate in a New Volunteer Welcome. To get started please call the volunteer office at 952-443-1461
Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 9AM – 4PM. Or visit our web site at http://www.arboretum.umn.edu and click on the volunteer tab.