



GRAND ISLAND FARM CREW MEMBER

JOB DESCRIPTION

We're hiring for our Grand Island farm crew! Applicants with previous agricultural experience will be prioritized, however all hardworking & motivated individuals will be considered.

If you want to spend the season working on and learning from one of the most experienced CSA farms in Portland, then this is the job for you! Typically the members of the farm crew work in all areas of the farm, though there will be opportunities to specialize. We do most of the seeding, transplanting, weeding, and harvesting by hand. For irrigation we use t-tape and some hand lines and these are also moved by the crew. The farm crew may also be trained to use small equipment including a walk behind tiller, weed wacker and backpack flame weeder.

This kind of farming requires physical strength and stamina. The farm has a few greenhouses, but the majority of our crops are grown outside. Year-round vegetable production involves long days of repetitive work in all kinds of weather and can be challenging. We are looking for folks who are serious about farming and know from experience that they enjoy this kind of work.

The crew works best when everyone is highly motivated and able to work quickly and efficiently by themselves and work cooperatively with others. The farm crew must be responsible, reliable and and take initiative. It is also important that people be flexible and able

to learn and adapt to new systems quickly. Attention to detail is required and a good sense of humor comes in handy too!

The **Grand Island based farm crew** meets every morning at 18400 SE Lower Island Rd, Dayton. This crew will spend the majority of their time at the Grand Island Farm and will occasionally travel to help with jobs at the farm in Portland. The people who work at our Grand Island Farm usually live in the Newberg, McMinnville, Salem area. There is no housing available at this farm.

Our other crew, based in Portland, meets every morning at Luscher Farm, 125 Rosemont Rd, Lake Oswego. This crew will spend the majority of their time at Luscher Farm and will occasionally travel down to the Grand Island Farm during the course of the season. The people who work at Luscher Farm usually live in the Portland Metro area. There is no housing available at this farm.

During the summer the farm crew can expect a 40-50-hour workweek including long days and occasional Saturday work parties. Winter hours are less. The farm is a fertile learning ground for those who are willing to work hard. If you are a person with tremendous energy and enthusiasm for farming, please fill out the forms below and send it to us with your completed application.

ABOUT THE FARM

The 47th Avenue Farm is a unique urban farm started in 1996 by Laura Masterson. Our CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) project began on a double lot within the Portland city limits. We now grow vegetables year round on 12 acres of land within the Portland Metro Area. We also have 38 acres on Grand Island near Dayton where we grow a mix of vegetable crops, cover crops and pasture. Our CSA currently has 200 member families and we also grow for several local award winning restaurants.

All of our farm properties are managed sustainably using cover crops between vegetable rotations, beneficial insects, drip irrigation and conservation tillage techniques. This holistic farming system improves the tilth and fertility of the farmland. It also protects the woods, wetlands and communities that surround our farms.

The 47th Avenue Farm is a woman owned business and an equal opportunity employer. Women & BIPOC farmers are encouraged to apply. You can learn more about the Farm at our website: www.47thAveFarm.com



GRAND ISLAND FARM CREW MEMBER JOB DETAILS

Application Due: Open until filled

Qualifications:

- Disciplined, hard working, organized, responsible, independent and positive
- Previous farm experience a plus
- Ability to lift 50lbs
- Clean Drivers License

Hours:

- May to Sept: Monday–Friday 7am – 4:30pm
 - Oct to April: Monday–Friday 7am – 3:30pm
- (These hours do not include the commute to the farm and will be longer when necessary to get the job done.)

Compensation:

- Minimum wage
- 1 Full CSA share
- 1 week paid family leave
- Unpaid time off: 5 days, May - Nov. Flexible time off in the winter months Dec - April.
- Room and board not included

Application Essentials:

- Application Form
- Resume
- Recent job history and reference form

Optional:

- Cover letter and letter of reference from a supervisor

Email your completed application to jobs@47thavefarm.com using the subject line “Farm Crew GI, [your last name]”

Farm Visit and Interview:

We will call you to schedule this if we feel you may be a good candidate for the job

Questions?

jobs@47thAveFarm.com



APPLICATION FORM

Deadline: Open until filled

Applicant name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Drivers license number & state _____ Date of birth _____

I can start work on date: _____ I need to finish by date: _____

Dates I already know I will need to have off: _____

1. Do you have a clean driving record the past 3 years? If not, please explain.

2. What is the hardest, most repetitive physical work you have ever done? (tasks, hours, duration etc.)

3. Describe your work ethic as an individual and as part of a team.

4. What experience do you have with farming and what skills do you have to offer the farm?

5. Why are you specifically interested in the 47th Avenue Farm?

6. Are there any other important details about yourself that you'd like to share with us?



RECENT JOB HISTORY AND REFERENCES

Employer: _____ Dates employed: _____

Job Title: _____ Wage: _____

Job Description: _____

Reason for leaving: _____

May we call this employer for a reference?

No Yes (if yes, employer name and phone: _____)

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