

Weekend Crew Members

The weekend crew member position is seasonal (June, July and August), 3 days per week (Friday, Saturday, and Monday). Weekend crew members will have Sunday greenhouse duties approximately once a month. This position is intended for someone who is interested in working and learning on a small family farm operation. Crew members will work with the Farm Managers/Owners and Crew Leaders on all aspects of vegetable, herb and flower production and harvesting. These tasks will include, but are not limited to, planting, weeding, irrigation, greenhouse work, harvest, washing and packing.

We are looking for crew members who are flexible, productive, easy to work with, open minded, and responsible, with a good sense of humor to see them through the challenges of farming. Crew members must also have reliable transportation and a clean driving record. Candidates should be able to lift 50 lbs, repeatedly.

The work can be physically challenging as we do the vast majority of our work by hand. We will be working outside in all weather conditions. The hours will vary but will average 25 hours/week. Weekend crew members must commit to the entire summer season, June through August.

Compensation: \$10/hour and vegetables from the farm. Unfortunately, we cannot provide housing.

If you are interested, please email kate@theneighborhoodfarm.com and we will send you more information. For more information about the farm, please visit our website www.theneighborhoodfarm.com. Please contact us with any questions.

About the farm:

The Neighborhood Farm is a collection of market gardens. In 2008 we planted gardens in five Needham back yards, because we couldn't find available farm land in the Boston area. Homeowners lent us a portion of their yards and we grew vegetables, herbs and flowers – all without synthetic inputs of any kind. The number of sites and the logistics made us decide against pursuing organic certification.

Since then we've grown substantially, adding and subtracting gardens from year to year as circumstances changed. We also began leasing a field from The Trustees Of Reservations in Medfield. We now grow on about six and half acres and sell our produce at four local farmers' markets, to restaurants, and through our Farmers' Market CSA. For the 2015 growing season, we will be based at Powisset Farm in Dover where we rent barn space. We will be working at garden sites in Needham and Dedham, at the field in Medfield, and at our rented greenhouse space in Sharon. Despite the number of sites we use, more than 90% of our time will be spent at the field or at the barn, which are both on the Dover/Medfield line, less than 2 miles apart.

As a family owned small business, we are committed to helping others prepare to start their own farming and gardening operations. We love to work with people who are exploring the possibilities of starting their own enterprises, and with people who are just looking for more experience in farming and gardening.