

**Geer Street Learning Garden**

**Volunteer Policies and Procedures**

***ALL volunteers must have a signed waiver form prior to volunteering.***

***Children under 18 must have waiver filled out by a parent or guardian. Waiver is filled out when completing user account.***

**What to wear:**

* Please dress appropriately for garden work; this includes clothing that you don’t mind getting dirty.
* Wear closed-toe shoes **\*NO FLIP-FLOPS** allowed.

**What to bring:**

* A personal water bottle, hat, sunscreen, and bug spray are recommended.
* We will provide gloved but you’re free to bring your own!
* Volunteers with allergies (bees, plants, etc.) should bring any medication they might need to the garden. Also, please alert staff of any allergies the day of volunteering

**What you might be doing:**

* Workdays typically include light to medium physical labor that may include raking, hoeing, planting, weeding, hauling, mulching, turning compost, and harvesting produce.
* Stop for a water break any time you want! It is important to stay hydrated.

**Facilities:**

* Bathrooms and hand washing facilities are located in the office/classroom next to the garden.
* Picnic tables are available for volunteer use and are located in the garden.

**Other:**

* *Geer Street Garden* is not responsible for your personal belongings.
* No pets allowed in the garden.
* If you are sick, please do not handle the food.
* Volunteers must be 13 years old to volunteer. Minors 15 years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult 1 adult/4 ratio is needed to volunteer. 16 and older do not require adult supervision

**Weather:**

**Volunteer work at the Geer Street Garden is subject to weather conditions.**

* **Rain/Thunder/Lightning:** Rain before or during scheduled volunteer times may force the cancellation of the workday. If there is thunder and lightning, IFFS policy requires that volunteers return to their vehicles at the first sound of nearby thunder **and remain in the** vehicles until 30 minutes after the last thunder event.  If there is a heavy downpour, work will be canceled. We will work in light rain.
* **Heat:**  If there is a "Heat Advisory," farm work will continue, but volunteers may want to consider rescheduling their work. If a "Heat Warning" is forecast, then there will be no volunteer activities for that day.
* **Each volunteer should decide whether to work on any given day based on your personal limitations and comfort level.**