



Group Volunteer Opportunities:

Cultivate Unity While Nurturing the Farm and Community!

At the Santa Barbara Agriculture and Farm Education Foundation (SBAFEF), we welcome groups of all sizes to participate in our mission to transform our local food system and support fragile populations. Join us for a rewarding experience on our farm, where teamwork, learning, and community service come together under the open sky in our pure soil.

Why Volunteer as a Group?

- **Strengthen Bonds:** Foster stronger relationships among your team members in a natural, outdoor setting.
- **Community Impact:** Contribute to the fight against food insecurity by growing pesticide-free produce for those in need.
- **Educational Experience:** Learn about organic farming, regenerative agriculture, and environmental stewardship.
- **Corporate Social Responsibility:** Showcase your organization's commitment to social responsibility and community engagement.

Potential Volunteer Activities *(Dependent on Season and Farm Needs):*

- **Planting and Harvesting:** Participate in planting seasonal crops and harvesting ripe produce.
- **Weeding and Pest Control:** Help maintain the farm's health by keeping weeds at bay and assisting with natural pest control methods.
- **Processing Produce:** Assist in processing crops, especially corn, for various uses such as making tortillas.
- **Farm Maintenance:** Assist with simple repairs and ensuring the farm's infrastructure is in good condition.
- **Pathway Clearing:** Keep farm pathways clean and clear of debris for easy access.
- **Food delivery to food insecure individuals in our Farmed Food Solution Programs:** Make deliveries of weekly bags of food to medically and financially fragile Santa Barbara County citizens.



What SBAFEF Does: Our current global food system needs to change, and that's what SBAFEF is here to do. We need to reconnect with the source of our food, providing knowledge about sustainable agriculture. SBAFEF educates and promotes awareness of how food is grown and distributed in Santa Barbara County and beyond. We teach organic and regenerative farming techniques, provide expert agricultural knowledge, and support transforming food deserts into flourishing food forests. SBAFEF also donates pesticide-free produce to those in need and supports charitable organizations with natural and organically farmed products.

Important Considerations:

- **Physical Limitations:** We strive to accommodate individuals with physical limitations by offering alternative volunteer opportunities that align with their abilities.
- **Weather Dependency:** Volunteer activities are weather-dependent and may be rescheduled in the event of adverse weather conditions.
- **Cancellation Policy:** To allow us to plan effectively, please notify us at least 72 hours in advance if you need to cancel your volunteer session.

Scheduling and Registration: To schedule your group volunteer experience, please visit our website at sbafefoundation.com and fill out the online form. For any inquiries, you can contact us at volunteer@sbafefoundation.com. Group volunteer opportunities must be scheduled at least 2 weeks in advance. For groups larger than 25, we ask that you schedule at least 3 weeks in advance. There is no minimum nor maximum number of people; however, liability waivers must be signed by all.

Location: Join us at our Summerland Farm located at 201 Temple Street. Do not Google this. Instead use these directions to get you to the farm: Take Lille Avenue and turn up Valencia Road by the Summerland Presbyterian Church. Continue on Valencia until the dead end and make a right onto Whitney. Take the first left onto Temple Street and drive to the end. The farm is on the left. Ample parking is available on-site for your convenience.

What to Bring:

- **Enthusiasm:** Bring your team spirit and a positive attitude!



- **Comfortable Attire:** Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes suitable for outdoor farm activities. Hats and sunscreen are recommended, as are long sleeves.
- **Snacks and Water:** Stay energized and hydrated throughout the volunteering session.
- **Gloves:** If available, bring gloves to protect your hands.

Thank you for considering a group volunteer experience with the Santa Barbara Agriculture and Farm Education Foundation. Together, we can make a meaningful impact on our community while fostering team unity and nurturing the soil and land.