**Moonrose Farm Workshare**

**Program Application**

**About the program**

*An important part of our mission is to share our knowledge. We feel it is incredibly important to encourage young people to be interested in where food comes from, especially folks in the food service industry. We hope through this program, we can be a part of the change needed in our food system: closing gaps, spreading awareness, educating others, and creating accessibility.*

**Requirements**

**-4 hour weekly commitment =** half share of vegetables

**-8 hour weekly commitment =** for a family share of vegetables- one full day or two 4 hour shifts.

-Experience is not necessary, but a good work ethic, physical capability to do farm tasks, and the ability to take direction are essential.

**Available Shifts**

***Shifts run from June 2 - Nov 18 2020***

Tuesdays 7-11 2 Spaces available

Tuesdays 12:30-4:30 2 Spaces available

Wednesdays 10:30-3 (includes lunch break) 2 Spaces available

Thursdays 7-11 1 Space available

Fridays 7-11 1 Space available

\*Sundays\* 8-2 pm at farmers market in WARREN 1 Space available

*Since 2020 will be a year of transition for us, we will require some flexibility from our workshare crew. We will be working some shifts in Cranston and some in Rehoboth, we won*’*t know which days / times will be where yet until the season gets going. We hope by mid-late season to have most of our shifts take place in Rehoboth. Wednesdays will most certainly take place in Cranston if that location is your preference.*

\* The farmers market workshare will work a little bit differently. You will come help us set up, sell at the market, and break down. You may need to stay a little bit late depending on the day so flexibility is a must. The Farmers market shift will be mid June - end of October, a total of 20 weeks. This is a shorter season but longer shifts. As compensation, you will receive the full 25 week CSA plus either a weekly egg or flower share. Experience with customer service will be preferred.

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**Before you apply to be a work-share, please understand:**

* Being a work-share is a commitment like a job. We need our work-shares to be reliable and to commit to the whole season. We are looking for people who take this opportunity seriously and respectfully and can show up on time.
* We work hard on the farm in all types of weather. You will work in the hot sun and the rain, get sweaty and dirty, and could even get stung by a bee. Check the forecast before you come and be prepared for any type of weather. In cases of extreme weather, we may reschedule work-share shifts.
* You are responsible to bring your own water, hat, rain coat, sunscreen, etc. to be prepared for work in any type of weather.
* If you have a lot of travel plans that conflict with your weekly shift, please make arrangements ahead of time to cover your shift (ask a friend or family member to come in your place) or to come on another day that week. You will be required to make up the hours for any shifts that are missed. Please give us at least 1 week notice to make adjustments to the schedule.
* We rely on the help of our work-shares to get a lot of weekly tasks done including harvesting, washing, weeding, transplanting, and other physically demanding tasks. You must be able to lift and carry heavy bins of vegetables and to squat, kneel, bend, etc.
* As much as we love children, they are not permitted to come during your workshare shift. You are welcome to come at another time with your children to volunteer or come take a tour but the workshare shift is a fast paced day filled with tasks to do and we have found that it is not as productive when our workshares bring their kids. We expect workshares to treat this program like a job. Pets are also not permitted to join you.
* We require work-share applicants to come work for a day in April or May to complete a working interview.
* We break for lunch around 11 or 12. Bring a lunch if you would like to stay and join us! We might even have some snacks to share with you.
* We have a lot of fun! It is required to be respectful to all other farm workers visitors and to contribute to our farming pun contest. We work hard but also leave plenty of time for snack breaks and fall bonfires. We want our work-shares to join our farm family and hope to create lasting friendships.
* Please consider reducing the time you spend on your phone on the farm. We try to encourage an un-plugged environment as much as possible. You are welcome to bring your phone to take pictures and accept important phone calls but please be respectful of our time and wait to post your photos until after the shift is over.
* We will not discriminate against any applicants based on race, sexuality, gender identity, age, or religion. We are an LGBTQ safe space and invite folks from all walks of life. We only ask that you are kind to all plants, animals, and people. We also ask that you respect the pronouns of any farm member according to their preferences.
* You will be required to come to the farm in Cranston to pick up your CSA share on Wednesdays between 3 and 6 throughout the season. If this timing doesn’t work for you, we can certainly make other arrangements!

**Application**

*Please fill out and return via email to* moonrosefarm@gmail.com *or via mail to*

*Moonrose Farm 88 Mason st Rehoboth MA 02769*

**NAME: PREFERRED PRONOUNS:**

**PHONE NUMBER:**

**ADDRESS:**

**Why do you want to join the workshare program?**

**Do you have any farming or gardening experience? If yes, explain.**

**Do you have any experience working outside? If yes, explain.**

**What is your current career / study in school? What is your passion?**

**Are you in good physical health and can move objects easily up to 50 lbs?**

**Can you bend, squat, or push wheelbarrows for several hours?**

**Please circle or highlight the shift(s) that you are interested in, including first and second choices.**

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**Do you have reliable transportation to the farm?**

**Are there any days or weeks that you will be out of town/traveling between June 1 and Thanksgiving?**

**Have you done the workshare program with us before?**

*Thank you! We only have 9 positions available this year. We will be selecting applicants based on prior experience with our workshare program and availability for shifts.*