



Gorge Grown Food Network Volunteer Application

Thanks for your interest in Gorge Grown Food Network! You are an important part of a making GGFN a success. There are many important and diverse volunteer opportunities to choose from in this packet. Please fill out this form as completely as possible and return it to us, and... welcome aboard!!!

Volunteer's Name _____

Daytime Phone _____ **Evening Phone** _____

Email _____

Mailing Address _____

Professional Affiliation _____

Preferred Method of Contact: Phone [] E-mail []

The Gorge Grown team wants to ensure that you have the most successful and enjoyable placement. Please be frank and open-minded as you answer the questions below, to help us find the best fit for your talents and time.

- * Do you prefer to work alone [] or in teams []?
- * Are you comfortable working with the public? Yes [] No []
- * Do you speak Spanish? Yes [] No []
- * How often would you be interested in volunteering with GGFN?
Once a year [] Twice a year [] Four times per year [] Monthly [] Weekly []
- * Do you bring a professional skill you'd like to share with GGFN? If so, please describe:
- * Why do you want to volunteer with GGFN?

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Volunteer Job Descriptions and Your Availability

Please review the jobs below and check and/or describe areas in which you are comfortable serving; and which tasks or job functions you desire to help GGFN. Also, indicate what times you are available. Please check all that interest you and we will match you with our areas of most need. The opportunities listed are the most current and up to date positions, though other opportunities will become available in the future.

Jobs and Availability – *check preferences*

Times Available: months, days, hours

<p><input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning: Do you love planning events? GGFN could use your help in helping to plan events that we already run (ex. Feast on the Farm in September) or new events (Concert or Film Series). This is a great opportunity if you love flexible volunteer opportunities that allow you to work alone, on a team, and with the public. We're always looking for creative new ways to get connected with the community through different events, big or small!</p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Farmers' Market: The Farmers' Market is underway but we always want more people to come shop and hang out. You can help us get them there by helping in publicity for the market. We need help putting up posters all around town and if publicity is your thing we are open to any new and creative approaches to getting people to the market! Other opportunities to be involved at the information booth and with kids' and music activities will be available later in the season as well.</p> <p>Postering <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Food and Farm Skills: Do you have a particular skill related to food and farming? It can be anything ranging from composting to drying foods to using cover crops. We are looking for people who are looking to more formally share their skills and knowledge from time to time. It's a great opportunity to help gardeners and farmers in the area and to help Gorge Grown in creating a regional food system.</p> <p>List Skills: _____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Social Media and Food & Farm News: People love to respond to anything we post on Twitter and Facebook, but we often can't keep up with all of our ideas for engaging people online. If you're already spending lots of time on the internet why not help us maintain our presence in the social media world? We are always also looking for people to help us find recipes and interesting news articles to send out in our E-news or post on our website or Facebook page.</p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Office tasks: If you love to work alone and dedicate yourself to a task this is the right opportunity for you. Periodically we need help around the office with tasks such as mailings, database updates and more.</p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Writing: Do you love to write? Writing projects develop often!</p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Outreach & Educational Events: Do you love going to public events and talking with members of the community? Become a trained Gorge Grown outreach volunteer! Do you have an interest in visiting classrooms to talk about agriculture, nutrition, or other topics related to the Gorge Grown Mission? We could use your help!</p>	

<p>[] Other: Have a skill you don't see listed above? Grant writing? Working with kids? Graphic design? One-time help with an event or dinner? When an opportunity arises, we would love to be able to contact you about it. List your ideas below:</p>	
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For all volunteers:

Occasionally our organization takes photographs and writes articles relating to volunteers and their assignments. Please indicate below whether you grant us permission to use your picture and name should we be in a position to include your photograph in future publicity.

_____ Yes, I give Gorge Grown Food Network permission to use my name and photographs for public relations purposes.

_____ No, I do not give Gorge Grown Food Network permission to use my name and photographs for public relations purposes.

I recognize that I am as important to Gorge Grown as the rest of the team, including staff, Board, and supporting members, and will perform my chosen tasks knowing they are valuable and instrumental to the success of GGFN. I will track my activities and hours so that GGFN can keep track of the contribution of volunteers to the organization.

Liability & Compensation:

I agree to hold harmless and waive all claims of liability against Gorge Grown Food Network arising out of my performance as a volunteer.

I understand that if I use my private motor vehicle in the course of my volunteer duties, it is my obligation to obtain and maintain vehicle insurance to cover any accidents involving my vehicle. I further understand that it is my responsibility to obtain and maintain insurance policies on all personally owned and leased/rented equipment I use while performing assigned volunteer work.

I understand that I am not an employee of GGFN and that I do not expect to receive any personal monetary compensation for services rendered through volunteer activities. I further understand that I will not hold myself out as or claim to be an officer or employee of GGFN, nor will I take any claim of right, privilege, or benefit which would accrue to an employee of GGFN.

Signed

Date

Please return this completed application to:

Gorge Grown Food Network
P.O. Box 752
Hood River, OR 97031

Questions? Need more information? Contact GGFN at info@gorgegrown.com or 541-399-2840