
Workshare: Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Where do we meet for Work Share?

A: The farm address is 51 Vassar Farms Lane. Most work share shifts meet at the coop, down by the wash station. Please check your individual shift for specific instructions (ie: Green Machines etc).

Q: How do I get there?

A: Most work share shifts on the farm (such as Tuesday/Friday/Saturday morning Harvest & Field Work shifts) meet at the coop. Park at the parking lot near the Vassar Barns, and walk down the dirt road such that the parking lot is to your left, the farm/gardens are to your right, and the distro tent is behind you. (If the sports field is to your right and the gardens are to your left, you're on the wrong road.) Walk towards the high tunnels / greenhouses. We will meet at the graveled wash station area just outside the brown building. Look for a white tent with wash tubs & sinks.

Please allow 5 minutes to walk down the farm road from the parking lot to the coop / wash station.

Please note Distribution Assistant, Food Share Delivery, Green Machines and any other non-field work / harvest shifts might have different meeting locations. Check your SignUp.com email for information about your specific shift.

Q: How do I sign up online?

A: Please always sign up for shifts online! Here's how:

1. [Click on this link](#) Click on the orange/red "view" button
2. Scroll down to peruse available shifts, or search by date
3. Click the green "sign up" button to the right to register for your spot

4. Enter the email address associated with your membership and follow instructions
5. You will receive a confirmation email. *Retain this in case you need to cancel.*

Q: I have a conflict. How do I cancel my workshare commitment?

A: If you need to cancel your work hours, please do so online. To cancel your spot(s):

1. Find your confirmation email from SignUp.com
2. Click on the link "View/Change My Commitments" at the bottom, then sign into SignUp.com
3. Search for the date you need to cancel
4. Click on the blue button to the right that says "My Spots"
5. Change the number of spots to 0 (instead of 1 or 2 etc)
6. To confirm that you have effectively cancelled your spot, look at the date again. The button to the right should be green and should say "Sign Up" instead of "My Spots".

There is no need to follow up via email to confirm your cancellation.

Q: I have a conflict. Can I switch my workshare commitment?

A: Unfortunately we do not have the ability to handle switches or swaps. If you cannot make your workshare slot, please cancel it and sign up for a different one.

Q: What should I bring?

A: We work in most weather conditions, including hot, humid, light rain / misting, and chilly weather. Please wear comfortable clothing that can get dirty. We require closed-toe shoes. We highly recommend long pants (you'll probably be kneeling), hats, sunscreen, light layers, and/or rain gear. Please also bring a water bottle to fill up at the farm. Some people bring knee pads.

Q: How many hours will I have to work?

A: Generally, whole shares require 12 hours of work over the season, and half shares require 6 hours of work. You can do this in 2- or 3-hour blocks.

Q: What if there are no more slots left? What if I can't complete my hours?

A: We have work share shifts available from June through the end of October, *sometimes* into early November. The majority of the shifts exist from July through September. In order for everyone to complete their work share hours, nearly all shifts must be full. We highly recommend NOT waiting until the last minute (October) to sign up for shifts.

If you are unable to complete your hours, you will be charged for the unworked hours.

Q: What kind of work will I be doing?

A: Harvest & Field Work shifts are a great chance to work with the farm crew and get your hands dirty! Both include lots of bending, kneeling, stooping, and lifting heavy bins. We may harvest on a field work shift, or weed on a harvest shift, depending on the (notoriously unpredictable) weather and the ever-changing needs of the farm for that day. Please be flexible and ready to go with the flow!

Distribution Assistant shifts include lifting heavy bins, stocking produce, sorting and cleaning. Cleaning garlic and onions generally involves some lifting of heavy bins as well as repeated use of clippers (requiring some hand strength). Other shifts (such as Green Machines) require different types of work. Please read the shift description for specific shift details.

Q: What if I'm late?

A: Please don't be late! If you are late, it is more work for the farm team to make sure you are signed in, and to go over the orientation again just for you.

IF you are late, come find us in the fields. IF you are more than 15 minutes late, please plan to stay an extra 15 minutes at the end, or adjust your working

hours accordingly. It isn't fair to the other members for you to receive the same credit for less work.

Q: What if I can't kneel/bend/lift etc? Is there other work I can do?

A: Most workshare work IS physical in nature. However, we do usually have some lower-impact projects over the course of the season. If you're committed to participating in workshare and are looking for something a little less physically taxing, please email shareholderworkhours@farmproject with the subject line "Low Impact" to receive notifications about these types of work opportunities as they arise.

Thank you for participating in workshare! We appreciate the opportunity to share our work with you.