



Neighborhood Harvest

Harvest Leader Volunteer Application

Organization Background

Veggielution was founded by three San Jose State University students who wanted to build community through food and farming. With the support of the City of San Jose, Veggielution broke ground in 2008 on a 1/6-acre parcel of land at Emma Prusch Farm Park in East San Jose. Since then, Veggielution has grown on this historical and previously underutilized land to become a thriving 6-acre urban farm where neighbors can gather, learn, and play. Our organically-managed community farm connects thousands of Silicon Valley residents through programs that encourage experiential learning and healthy eating. By cultivating a space where everyone feels included, Veggielution unites community members across incomes, cultures, and generations.

Neighborhood Harvest is our program that focuses on bringing people together around the food recovery movement here in San Jose. We want to get people engaged with the issue of food waste that is right in our backyards. Along with volunteers, we harvest fruit from donors and redistribute the fruit to community organizations that would highly benefit from receiving huge quantities of fruit. We hope to reach out to the neighborhoods within our vicinity in East San Jose and engage well with the diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds in the area.

Harvest Leader Volunteer Position

We are looking for dedicated community members to lead fruit harvesting events. Harvest leaders should be comfortable leading groups of 5-10 volunteers and are asked to commit to lead one fruit harvest event per month for a minimum of 6 months. We provide all the training you need to get started, you will also attend multiple gleans with existing leaders, plus additional opportunities to receive training on fruit tree maintenance by certified professionals. Finally, we organize all the volunteers so that all you need to do is show up and harvest some fruit with a fun group of people once a month. To become a Harvest Leader, please complete and return the application to our Neighborhood Harvest Coordinator.

Requirements:

1. Complete Harvest Leader training
2. Must be at least 18 years old
3. Must be comfortable lifting ladders and equipment on/off the truck (approx 20 lbs)
4. Commit to one harvest event a month for a minimum of 6 months
5. Passion for community engagement and sustainability is a plus!



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We are accepting applications for Harvest Leaders on a rolling basis. Please email this completed application to our Neighborhood Harvest Program Coordinator, Esther Ng, at esthern@veggielution.org.

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Why do you want to be a Harvest Leader with Neighborhood Harvest? What interests you most about the program?

Please describe prior experience with community outreach, volunteering, food and hunger, or anything else that might help your role as a Harvest Leader.

What is your availability (days of week and times, total hours per month)?

Anything else you would like to share?