

2017 Renovatus CSA Member Commitment Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Share options: (choose one box)

The Full Share

- \$750, The full share, preselected bag* for pickup
- \$750, The full share, market style CSA* pickup

The Half Share

- \$400, half share to be picked up every week as market style CSA only
- \$400, full share to be picked up every other week**, market style CSA
- \$400, full share to be picked up every other week**, preselected bag

Additionally, share arrangements can be split, but must be organized by members. For example: two families can split a full share. Family A pays Renovatus for share and Family B pays back half of share amount to Family A. Renovatus will not manage these share splits.

*You can switch between preselected and market style pickups. Changes in your status must be made 1 week prior for every pickup. If no request to change is made, status will remain as originally specified on commitment form. What is market style? See frequently asked questions.

**You will be assigned the weeks that share is to be picked up, you cannot switch weeks.

Pick up Options: (choose one box)

- Monday 4-6 pm at Renovatus
- Wednesday 4-6 pm at Renovatus
- Saturday 9 am – 12 pm at Renovatus

Payment Options: (choose one box)

Cash, Check, Credit Card is accepted, payable to Renovatus

- \$700 (due February 1) Thank you!
- \$750 (due March 1) Thank you!
- \$400 (due March 1) and \$350 (due June 1)
- All other payment options must be approved by management at Renovatus

The Details

- The 2017 CSA will be **26 weeks long** this year. It will begin the first week of May and run through the end of October.

-Share options:

- **\$750, The full share, in a preselected bag OR in a market style pick up**
- **\$750, The bi-weekly share*, in a preselected bag OR in a market style pick up**
- **\$400, The half share, available ONLY in a market style pick up**
- **\$750, The full share- split with other people, organized by the CSA member**

* In the bi-weekly share, members will be designated as week A or B to even out distribution of harvest.

Payment:

- For the full share, **if payment is received by February 1st in full, your price is \$700.** Payments received after February 1st for the full share will be \$750 and there will be no discount for the half share (\$400).
- Payment options such as 2 installations, or a payment plan is available also. These arrangements must be discussed with Pete or other CSA managers.

Pickup/Delivery:

- On Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday members can pick up a market style CSA portion. Preselected bags will also be available pick up on those days. Your designation as a market style or preselected bag member will stay with you throughout the year and if you wish to switch, arrangements will need to be made 1 week prior.
- On Saturday preselected bags will be available at the farm or at the Market Square Farmers Market in Downtown Knoxville.
- Other delivery options are possible, but constrained due to time commitments of the ministry. If pickup from the farm is your only hesitation, please discuss this with Renovatus.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a CSA? The acronym CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture. A CSA is an alternative, locally based economic model of agriculture and food distribution. Members of that organization pledge their support of that farm, with growers and consumers sharing those risks and benefits of food production. In 2017 Renovatus will be going into year two of our CSA program.

Why does Renovatus have a CSA? Renovatus uses the CSA model as a way to generate funds for the ministry and provide skills training to the residents of Renovatus. From seed to produce sale, we give residents a model for how to grow their own food and improve the skills needed to do that. We believe that nothing can be more rewarding than growing, selling, sharing, and eating food you grew.

How does the Renovatus CSA work? Members will pay at the onset of the growing season for a 'share' of the anticipated harvest. Once harvesting begins, weekly 'shares' of the farm's bounty will be given to the members.

I'm unsure I'll like what comes in the CSA share, how do I know if this is for me? That's one of the joys of supporting your local farm! We are right here through the process. Post your favorite recipe or ask for someone else's on our Facebook page. Ask Pete or the guys how they are preparing this week's harvest. Look for our recipe posts in newsletters and on Facebook throughout the season. Or come on Monday or Wednesday for our market style pickup. Quality and taste drive our seed and plant selection, you can be sure that we are a resource and a friend for the year and through the harvest.

But really, why should I join a CSA? We thought you would never ask.

1. You are supporting a local, grassroots food system.
2. You get to enjoy local, fresh, and delicious food, weekly.
3. You learn to eat with the seasons.
4. Most importantly, with this CSA, you are part of restoring peoples lives.

What is a Market Style CSA?

A market-style CSA provides much greater flexibility and is designed for those members who want more choice in what goes into their share each week. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday an assortment of vegetables is set up, and members pack their own share with a combination of "fixed" and "choice" items. Having a group of fixed items (take x amount of y) allows the farm to spread those items to all CSA members plus still gives you a push to try new things and eat more diversity. We are always flexible with fixed items: if you have an allergy, or just a strong dislike of a vegetable, you can trade it for another choice item.

The market style option provides a greater diversity of produce and flexibility than what is typically found in a traditional CSA share, with members being able to take what they love, and leave what they don't. Staples, like kale and squash and abundant seasonal items, like tomatoes, will almost always be available as choices when in season. If there is a week that you're unable to come during the packing window, we can assemble your share for you if notified the week prior.

What if I am unable to pick up my share for the week?

If you are unable to pick up your portion for the week, we suggest you donate that share to one of our food ministry partners. Renovatus can assist you with that if and when that time comes. Additionally, we would also suggest you give it to a neighbor, family, or friend that might be interested in partnering with Renovatus.

All crops are subject to weather, pests, and unforeseen conditions. With that in mind, what can you expect throughout the year?

May-June: lettuce, carrots, beets, kolrabi, broccoli, onions, kale, cabbage, cauliflower

June-July: tomatoes, pepper, squash, potatoes, garlic, onion, beans

August-September: tomatoes, pepper, squash, beans, corn, eggplant

October-November: Greens, Carrots, lettuce, sweet potatoes, onions, radishes

Are you interested in something specific? Just ask! You are a part of this farm!

Are you interested in becoming a CSA member? Send us an email: renovatusrc@gmail.com