

# SERVICE-LEARNING YELLOW PAGES PLACEMENT SITE

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**Name of Agency:** Oxbow Farm and Conservation Center  
**Volunteer Site Address:** 10819 Carnation-Duvall Rd NE, Carnation 98014  
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**Agency Hours:** 8am-5pm  
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## **Agency Description:**

Located 25 miles east of Seattle in the beautiful Snoqualmie Valley, Oxbow is a non-profit organization that inspires people to eat healthy, sustainably grown food and to steward our natural resources for future generations. The land serves as a living laboratory where we research and practice ecological agricultural methods to improve and protect the ecosystem, grow food and native plants, and educate people of all ages about farming and the environment. Oxbow connects people to the land, to their food, and to the work that we do through a member program, workshops, tours, school programs, special events, and an organic farm stand..

## **Position Descriptions:** (See Website or more details)

1. **Kids' Farm Naturalist** – tour leader for 8-12 kids around 1-acre Kids' farm. Only moderate kids understanding of food and farms is necessary. When no tours are scheduled, volunteers will assist the education team in a variety of farming tasks around the kids' Farm.
2. **Habitat Restoration Volunteer** – Assist with habitat restoration projects and volunteer events around the farm and in our forested upland land. Tasks will include weeding, planting, walking/hiking, digging, cutting, and some lifting.

## **Days and hours students can serve in these positions:**

1. **Kids' Farm:** Seasonal commitment for our Fall Adventures programming: mid-September to mid-November. Tours begin at 9:00am, 12:00pm, and 3:00pm with volunteers arriving an hour prior. Spring Adventures programming: Late April to June. Farm work happens year-round but we are not very active December-January due to flood risk and other seasonal challenges to on-site work.
2. **Restoration:** Schedule can be arranged on an individual basis, but should typically occur during daylight hours between 8am and 4pm. Restoration projects continue through the winter months.

## **Minimum time commitment required of volunteers:**

1. Minimum of 2 farm tours per week (one day/week) is ideal for Naturalists
2. Volunteers should commit to at least 3 hours per visit

## **What qualities, abilities and skills are important at your agency?**

- Exceptionally positive attitude
- Must enjoy working with children and adults
- Comfortable speaking in front of large groups (Naturalist)
- Ability to take direction, ask for help when necessary, and accept constructive feedback on work and technique
- Clear, consistent communication
- Ability to: work standing, sitting, bending over or kneeling; lift heavy and awkward objects, preferable up to 50 lbs.; perform physical work such as digging or planting; all in inclement weather (especially for Restoration)
- Prior experience in the area of agriculture, sustainability, food systems, education, or environmental studies preferred
- Ability to pass a background check (Naturalist)
- Interest in biology, ecology, environmental studies or restoration preferred

**Is volunteer orientation provided?** Yes

**Length of time students should budget for it:** 3 hours – on-the-job, during first visit

**Is on-site supervision provided?** Yes

**Number of Service-Learning positions available per quarter:** Open

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