



Cooking Day Camp Assistant

Spring/Summer 2023

Are you looking for a part-time volunteer opportunity?

Would you like to earn an AmeriCorps Stipend and Educational Award?

Are you interested in gardening, cooking, and teaching kids?

If so, Common Threads' garden and day camp support roles may be a good fit for you!

Our ideal candidates will:

- Be curious, adaptable, responsible, and caring
- Be excited to engage with kids, and with food from seed to table (gardening and cooking)
- Demonstrate a willingness to serve flexibly as part of a team as well as a willingness to communicate promptly about scheduling, questions, problems, and challenges
- Contribute lived experience that helps diversify the perspectives represented on our team. People of color, transgender individuals, members of the LGBTQ community, people whose first language is one other than English, men, high school students, and people with lived experience of hunger and poverty are particularly encouraged to apply.

Position responsibilities:

- Attend training at the beginning of summer.
- Collaborate with Common Threads Seed to Table Educators to support summer day camp programs. Your responsibilities may include: supervising children and teaching them to use cooking tools safely and appropriately; teaching garden skills such as weeding, watering, planting and harvesting; engaging kids in conversation with kindness and positive attitude; leading games and activities for small groups of children; modeling and supporting emotional regulation skills; and helping children adhere to the expectations of safety, responsibility and respect for self and others.
- Typical days run from 8 am to 4 pm. The meeting place for carpool is Whatcom Middle School, but for some schools, meeting at the service site can be arranged with good prior communication.

Other requirements:

- Willing to have a Washington State Background check run (a criminal record is not necessarily disqualifying)
- Willing to wear a Common Threads T-shirt while serving
- Be a U.S. citizen in order to fulfill AmeriCorps requirements
- Fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or able to demonstrate a religious or medical exemption.

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- Be 17 years old or older by the time you start

Compensation and Benefits:

- Professional development opportunities in education, agriculture, nutrition, communication and more
- Opportunity to learn, grow and be of service in the company of a passionate team with strong mentorship and support
- Monthly stipend based on service term hours: A 100 hour term is approximately \$483.00/month (pre-tax) over 3 months (avg 8 hrs/week); a 300 hour term is approximately \$1419/month (pre-tax) over 3 months (avg 20 hrs/week)
- [Segal AmeriCorps Education Award](#) from the National Service Trust upon successful completion of service. Prorated based on service term hours.
- [Student Loan forbearance](#) on qualifying loans during the service term
- [Basic Food Benefits](#) eligibility

To apply:

- Fill out our application online at [Common Threads Farm AmeriCorps Application](#). If computer access is a barrier to applying, please contact us for a paper application.

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