

Wheeler Farm Volunteering FAQ'S

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Wheeler Farm! To better assess what Volunteer experiences we can provide, please take a look at our Frequently Asked Questions below.

1. Who can volunteer?

We can provide volunteering opportunities to service groups at this time.

Due to the availability of staffing, having individual volunteers at the farm at this time is not feasible. Volunteers are typically supervised to prevent accidents and risk liability and we simply do not have enough staff to supervise individual volunteers.

2. I need to do court-ordered volunteer service, can I volunteer at Wheeler Farm?

No, we are not an approved facility that can provide Court-ordered community service. Here is a list of approved facilities and organizations:

<http://www.slcdocs.com/courts/criminal/forms/CS%20Sites.pdf>

3. Is there an age limit to who can volunteer?

We can provide opportunities for children in grades K-12 and all adults as well. Children volunteering will have reduced opportunities due to safety and equipment provided.

4. What types of things can I do?

We have a variety of projects that can be done around the farm depending on the season. We can offer year-round projects like:

- Painting Benches/Playhouse
- Sweeping walkways and parking lots
- Weeding/Tending garden beds
- Picking up branches
- Collecting rocks from Horse Arena
- Litter pickup

We may have more or less projects depending on the time of year and upcoming events.

Please Note:

Pumpkin Days is a month-long event starting the end of September and goes through the end of October. It is incredibly difficult for staff to supervise volunteer groups during this time. If you would like to volunteer during autumn, we will schedule you in the first few weeks of September or November.

5. We like animals. Can we work with them?

- No. Animals have specific husbandry requirements and can be unpredictable to work with. Our farmers and staff go through extensive training to be able to work

with them. Due to liability reasons, we **CANNOT** have volunteers working directly with the animals.

- We **CAN** allow you to do animal based projects. Those projects usually consist of cleaning and/or mucking stalls, pens, corrals, and pastures but you must be supervised by a Farmer or Staff member.

6. What times can I volunteer?

- The Farm is open from sunrise to sunset. However, staff can supervise scheduled volunteers from 8:00AM - 6:30PM. Please keep in mind that staff may be here outside of those times but are performing job duties and cannot be relied on to supervise volunteers.
- We typically don't recommend volunteering for more than 2 hours at a time due to staffing issues for that duration of time.