

# DIG IT! Volunteering FAQ

Frequently asked questions about volunteering with the Dig It! Program.

**What are the different parts of the program that I can volunteer for?** You can volunteer at the Dig It! Garden (our urban farm) at 620 Stevens Ave, at our rural plot in Washington Boro, or at our Fukuoka Farming Field in Salunga.

**How do I get to these places?** We generally prefer that people first come to the urban farm, and then travel or caravan with us to the rural farm (though we can certainly make exceptions). As for the Fukuoka Field, we have specific work days there (see below for more info), and directions will be given to folks prior to those dates. To get to the urban farm from Lancaster City, take South Duke St, turn right onto Chesapeake St. Cross S. Anne St, and then you will see Marshall St. on the right (but don't turn there). Dig It! is the second driveway on the right side after Marshall.

**When should we come?** There are usually people at the urban farm Monday-Friday during typical work hours from April-November. You are welcome to just show up during these times. Please call or email Ben Weiss, our Urban Farm Manager (717-475-1582, [bazzrad@yahoo.com](mailto:bazzrad@yahoo.com)) if you would like to come on a weekend or during the winter. We also have pot-lucks and drum circles many Friday nights during the summer.

**What is the work like?** Farming can be hard work, depending on the season. You may be preparing garden beds, planting, harvesting, tending vegetables, helping with chickens, cleaning tools, repairing fences, or cleaning up the land. *Expect to get your hands and clothes dirty.* However, we don't want to turn you away if you want to help. We will often be able to find a job that suits your abilities.

**What should I bring?** Work gloves, drinking water, sunscreen, a hat, lunch or snacks, and rain gear (depending on weather). We will supply all the tools you need to work in the field, but if you prefer to use your own, bring them along. If you have a medical condition such as asthma or anaphylaxis, please bring your inhaler or epi-pen and notify our staff of your condition before working in the field.

**What should I wear?** Pants or shorts according to the weather, though be aware that you may be sitting on the ground, splashing in mud, and there is always the possibility of running into poison ivy or stinging nettle. *Close-toed shoes are required because you may be working with sharp tools!* Keep in mind that you will get dirty, and be prepared for warm, cold, or wet weather. Bring extra layers and rain gear so that you are comfortable working in most weather conditions. Bring a hat that will shield you from the sun on hot days! *Please bring work gloves as well!*

**What if it rains?** Depending on how severe the weather is, we may cancel, postpone, or delay a work day. If it is raining please contact Ben Weiss (see above).

**What about lunch and water?** Please bring your own food and drinking water.

**How old do I have to be to volunteer/ Who can volunteer?** Anyone can volunteer for the Dig It! Program, however, all volunteers will be asked to sign a release form. We also reserve the right to ask anyone to leave for causing a disturbance, damaging our property, or bringing negative energy. Please don't put us in this position!

**What's up with the Fukuoka Farming workshops?** These take place on a weekend every month or so in Salunga at the farm of our friend Steve Weaver, where we are experimenting on a 5-acre plot. To be part of these workshops please contact Ben Weiss, or Dillon Naber ([dfnaber@yahoo.com](mailto:dfnaber@yahoo.com)), one of our board members.