



## Group Volunteering at TFG

*Thank you for your interest in volunteering with TFG. We cannot do this work without groups and volunteers like you. Together, we can make a difference in our community!*

We have three different opportunities for your group to help increase food access for our community: Warehouse and Outdoor Opportunities including on-farm Gleaning and Produce Reclamation at the Minneapolis Farmers Market. See below for details on how to sign up for each one. Please read on as we have updated our procedure.

It can be helpful to look at [our calendar](#) first to see our general schedule and what tasks/locations we have available.

### Warehouse Opportunities

General:

- We are now reserving all 10AM-12PM shifts on Thursdays for groups of 10-40. Groups of fewer than 10 can sign up for any available shift.
- Onsite parking and wheelchair access is available, and we welcome a range of abilities. Please contact us with questions about specific accommodations.

How to sign up:

- For groups of 10-40 view shifts and sign up [here](#)
    - Our new process: the team lead/contact visits the link above to find a date that works.
    - After creating a Volunteer Hub account (required to sign up), the team lead/contact will select the party size and submit.
    - The lead/contact will receive a confirmation email with all the details.
  - For groups of fewer than 10 view shifts and sign up [here](#)
    - The team lead/contact visits the link above to find a date that works.
    - The team lead/contact sends that date/time and the above link to each volunteer in their group.
    - Each volunteer selects that date on the calendar, creates their own account and signs up.
    - Everyone will receive a confirmation email with all the details and receive a reminder email.
- Email [Lonny](#) with any questions regarding Warehouse opportunities



## Outdoor Opportunities

General:

- Groups of 10-15 volunteers harvest or collect excess produce that would otherwise go to waste July-October.
  - On-farm/orchard Gleaning:
    - Thursdays and some Tuesdays
    - Location varies. Within a 1-hour radius of New Hope.
  - Minneapolis Farmers Market Reclamation:
    - Sundays
    - At the Minneapolis Farmers Market
- Tasks include being on your feet, bending, walking on uneven surfaces, light lifting. Please contact us with questions about specific accommodations.

How to Sign Up:

- All groups view [our calendar](#) and find an event date that works for your group.
- Once you find a date:
  - For groups *up to 5*: sign up individually through our calendar (same link as above)
  - For groups *6-15*: reach out to Marena and she can reserve slots and send you a customized link where everyone can sign up

For Outdoor Opportunities questions reach out to Marena:  
[mekblad@thefoodgroupmn.org](mailto:mekblad@thefoodgroupmn.org), 763-450-4211

## Volunteer Agreement

*When you volunteer with TFG, we ask for general behavior that respects the human rights of all people and protects volunteers, staff and community members from harm. Harassment will not be tolerated in any form.*

Furthermore, our volunteers are expected to follow these principles and expectations while representing or assisting our organization:



- **Respect:** Treat all volunteers, staff, and beneficiaries with respect, courtesy, and dignity. Avoid insensitive, offensive and harmful language or behavior. Make efforts to understand and honor the local culture and customs.
- **Safety:** Follow the instructions and guidance of the staff and volunteer leaders. Observe safe work habits and be aware of the safety of others. Report any unsafe or hazardous conditions or incidents to the staff or volunteer leaders.
- **Teamwork:** Collaborate and cooperate with other volunteers, staff, and beneficiaries. Support and encourage each other. Recognize and appreciate the contributions and achievements of others. Resolve any conflicts or disagreements in a constructive and respectful way.
- **Accountability:** Follow the guidelines and policies of the organization and the volunteer program. Acknowledge and correct any mistakes or errors. Report any violations or breaches of the code of conduct to the staff or volunteer leaders.