

Global Garden Refugee Training Farm CSA Vegetable Shares Summer 2017 Application

Global Garden Refugee Training Farm (GGRTF) is located in Albany Park at the Corner of Sacramento & Lawrence Ave. Our mission is to provide access to growing fresh vegetables for refugee families in the neighborhood. Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) aids us in running and maintaining the farm.

Growing Practices: are based on utilizing sustainable, healthy farming practices. Only materials approved for organic production are used on the farm for fertilizer and pest management. Our produce is pesticide-free and grown on healthy, living soil. If you have any questions about how we operate the farm, please ask!

GGRTF CSA 2017 provides an average of 15 pounds of fresh produce once per week for 15 weeks (June 10 – September 16, 2017). Share amounts vary based on the season; as weather, pests, growing conditions, etc. impact production we base the content on an average of 10 – 20 pounds per week. In the height of the season/production the share may contain more of one item or contents than another. CSA members share in the risk of crop failure and share in the bounty. We pack as much in the weekly bag as possible. If a large portion of crops fail; we will compensate by extending out the season.

Weekly shares include vegetables and herbs. In general, you can expect to receive:

May: Beets, Carrots, Cilantro, Mustard & Other Greens, Parsley, Radish, Scallions, & Swiss Chard

June: Basil, Cilantro, Cucumber, Lettuce, Mustard & Other Greens, Parsley, Sweet Peppers, & Zucchini

July & August: Basil, Cilantro, Cucumber, Eggplant, Kale, Parsley, Sweet Peppers, Tomato, & Zucchini

September: Beets, Carrots, Cilantro, Kale, Lettuce, Parsley, Peppers, Scallions, Spinach, Swiss Chard, Tomato, & Zucchini

Please note: While we practice natural and healthy farming practices, the produce comes direct from the field without washing. For your protection, wash all produce prior to consuming.

CSA Membership 2017 Fee: \$375

Picking Up Shares: CSA Members are responsible for picking their share each Saturday between 9 and 11 a.m. at the Sacramento Ave. entrance, the north end of Global Garden Refugee Training Farm (Our street address is 2954 W. Lawrence Ave.). You will be notified in advance via email of any changes to the pick up schedule. We harvest for maximum quality and freshness; however, we do not have refrigeration therefore produce declines quickly (especially in the heat of summer). Shares NOT picked up on time will be redistributed or sold. If you cannot pick up your share, you may arrange for someone else to pick it up for you. Please notify us by the Thursday prior to pick up day.

GGRTF overview: This is a working farm with refugees maintaining their personal plots in addition to our common area in which we grow the food used in the CSA shares. Please be respectful of the farmers and the farm property. As our farmers are refugees, many have limited English proficiency. Please direct questions to our farm manager.

In addition to our CSA, Global Garden Refugee Training Farm sells at farmers markets and other local outlets. You may see items not included in your CSA share being sold at the market. This may be because there was not enough grown for all CSA shares, the item was a market test, and/or the item was grown by one of our farmers. We honor our commitment to our CSA shares by packing the CSA bags before packing for the markets.

Communication: globalgardenfarm@gmail.com - please be aware that during the growing season we are generally in the field or at markets, not near our office. We will do our best to respond within 24 hours. We do check email and communicate farm info via email so please add us to your contact list.

Global Garden Refugee Training Farm, 2954 W. Lawrence Ave. Chicago, IL
(Corner of Sacramento and Lawrence)

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We thank you for your support and look forward to providing you with our very best, fresh produce each week. By becoming a CSA member, you agree to share the risk of crop failure with GGRTF and other CSA members.

By signing below, I agree that, I understand that I am supporting the produce growing efforts of GGRTF and that I will share in the success and/or crop loss. I understand that GGRTF will do their best to provide me with a bountiful harvest each week. Notification will be via email.

Please include a check made payable to Global Garden Refugee Training Farm in the amount of \$375.00 if you did not pay through our website.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name(printed): _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Cell: _____

Mail your payment and application form to:

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