

JOB POSTING - Market Crew

Vancouver Farmers Markets is recruiting high energy, friendly and customer service-focused crew for our busy and vibrant markets across the city. Our farmers markets are among the most successful in BC and are growing year after year by supporting local agriculture and acting as community-building

events for our host neighbourhoods and the city at large. Market Crews are made up of 2-4 people (depending on location) and report to the Market Manager.

Key Tasks & Responsibilities

- providing market information, selling market merchandise to shoppers and vendors
- facilitating the set up of the market equipment including tents, umbrellas, tables, banners and other market materials
- fundraising including membership sales, special events preparation and market promotions
- arriving promptly 1-2 hours in advance of opening and remaining until closing procedures are complete
- assisting with the management of market day volunteers and delegating appropriate work to them
- helping with traffic control, parking information and safety measures as required

Skills/Attributes Required

- are able to commit for the entire market season and are reliable
- have strong sales, retail, fundraising or customer service skills
- enjoy working in a fast-paced outdoor environment (we work outside rain or shine)
- are outgoing and friendly with a great work ethic and attitude
- are team players and can work quickly and efficiently under tight time constraints
- are self-directed and responsible
- have no problem lifting up to 50lbs and standing for long periods of time
- have an interest in the following areas: agriculture, nutrition, food security, community health, community development, community economic development, rural and urban interface

We are always looking for people who may be interested in growing with us into management roles, who are able to work at more than one market, and who may be able to commit to working with us for the following winter season and beyond.

Candidates are especially sought if they have Level 1 Food Safe certification, current Basic First Aid training and/or a Class 5 driver's license.

Candidates MUST be able to attend two information sessions:

Wednesday, March 27th 7-9pm Wednesday, April 3rd 6-9pm

+ a two-hour market training session on any Saturday or Sunday in April

Due to our tight hiring timeline we will not be able to accommodate candidates unable to attend both information sessions.

Wage: \$15.85 per hour, paid lunch break + 4% vacation pay in lieu of benefits based on a 7-8 hour day

Please send us a cover letter explaining your interest and your resume outlining your qualifications. Résumés without cover letters will not be considered. Indicate in your cover letter which markets you are interested in working at, if you are available to work at more than one market and/or interested in office administrative work.

Email resumes and cover letters to <u>districtmanagers@eatlocal.org</u> with "Market Crew" in the subject line. Please send .doc or .pdf files only. **Resumes will be accepted until midnight on Wednesday,**March 20th.

Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. Thank you for your interest in the Vancouver Farmers Markets!

Saturday Markets

Trout Lake

May 4th – October 19th, 9am – 2pm, at John Hendry (Trout Lake) Park

Riley Park

May 4th – October 26th, 10am – 2pm, at 50 East 30th Ave near Nat Bailey Stadium

Sunday Markets

Kitsilano

May 5th – October 20th, 10am – 2pm, in the parking lot Kitsilano Community Centre near 10th & Larch St

Mount Pleasant

adjacent to Nelson Pa

West End

May 26th – October 27th, 10am – 2pm, on Guelph Street between 7th & 8th Avenues

May 25th – October 19th, 9am – 2pm, on

Comox Street between Bute and Thurlow

Weekday Markets

Main Street Station

June 5th – October 2nd, Wednesdays 2pm – 6pm, on Station St. between Terminal & National just off Main St.

Downtown

June 6th – October 3rd, Thursdays 3pm – 7pm, at Queen Elizabeth Plaza at West Georgia & Hamilton