

Brooksdale Farmers Market & Delivery Lead

Position Summary

The **Brooksdale Farmers Market & Delivery Lead** works in collaboration with the Brooksdale Farm Coordinators and other Brooksdale farm staff in selling produce at a weekly local farmers market, delivering weekly vegetables to Vancouver farm members, and assisting in crop production and farm sales on the 2.5-acre farm at the Brooksdale Environmental Centre. Production includes over 200 varieties of vegetables and herbs along with seasonal flowers. Sales include a 170+ member community supported agriculture program (CSA), farmer's market, and on-site farm stand.

Location: Brooksdale Environmental Centre, Surrey, BC.
Start and End Date: Start date: May 28, 2024
End date: 8-16 weeks depending on funding, ending August 31st at the latest.
Possibility of full/part-time extension to the end of October.
Hours/Days Worked: Full-time (4 days/week, 30-40 hours/week, Tuesday to Friday).
Wage: \$19 per hour.
Closing Date: Until the position has been filled.

To Apply: Email a cover letter, resume, and three references (saved together as a single PDF) to csa@arocha.ca. Please save the PDF file name with your name and "**Brooksdale Farmers Market & Delivery Lead**." Clearly detail your experience and qualifications in your letter.

Email subject line should clearly refer to the Brooksdale Farmers Market & Delivery Lead position. Only applicants selected for interviews will be contacted.

This position is contingent on Canada Summer Jobs funding approval.

Organisational Profile

A Rocha is an international Christian organisation that, inspired by God's love, engages in scientific research, environmental education, community-based conservation projects and sustainable agriculture. We envision the transformation of people and places by showing God's love for all creation.

A Rocha Canada's (ARC) Brooksdale Environmental Centre is a dynamic environmental centre with programs serving all ages and various ecosystems. Brooksdale's 27-acre property is a living lab of forests, threatened river system, wetland, heritage houses, and farm. This unique combination of sensitive wildlife habitat and agricultural land makes Brooksdale a place where critical environmental issues are researched, addressed, and solved.

The farm is 2.5 acres and is located at A Rocha Canada's Brooksdale Environmental Centre. Production is transitioning to no-till and includes a 170+ member CSA, farmer's market, on-site farm stand, and restaurant sales. Other workers on the farm include agriculture team staff, other summer workers, site conservation residents, and volunteers.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Report directly to the CSA Farm Coordinator and with the Brooksdale Agriculture Team.
- Assist with delivering vegetables and flowers to Vancouver CSA members (Tuesdays) and running our farmers market stand (Wednesdays), which includes but not limited to:
 - Packing and driving the delivery van.
 - Setting up tents, tables, and signage.
 - Managing payments through cash and card readers.
 - Representing the farm and connecting with customers.
 - Managing produce displays to keep them presentable and marketable.
- Assist in any aspects of crop production (Thursday & Fridays), including but not limited to:
 - Bed preparation, seeding, planting, weeding, irrigating, harvesting, and post-harvest processing, and packing. Record keeping for all required field activities.
 - Bouquet-making based on interest.
- Provide field supervision and instruction to volunteers.
- Participate in other general farm tasks as required.
- Work in collaboration with Brooksdale staff for other on-site activities as needed.
- Awareness and adherence to A Rocha Brooksdale's Health and Safety Protocols.

Qualifications

- Demonstrated ability to work outdoors efficiently and calmly in physically challenging contexts in variable weather and bring tasks to completion on time. Able to lift 30-50lbs repeatedly.
- Comfortable driving a van.
- Introductory food literacy knowledge and agriculture technical skills an asset in the areas of:
 - General agricultural production, soil and landscape management, and/or farm equipment use and maintenance in a mixed farm setting.
 - Local and organic food concepts and/or food preparation.
- Strong organisational, leadership, communication (written & oral) skills:
 - Able to maintain friendly and professional communications and customer service. Able to resolve interpersonal conflicts professionally; Excellent collaboration skills.
 - Able to prioritise tasks with minimal supervision, work independently, and take initiative.
 - Able to comfortably make decisions and execute tasks in a dynamic environment.

Applicant must:

- Be between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of the employment;
- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act for the duration of employment;
- Have a valid Social Insurance Number at the start of employment and be legally entitled to work in Canada following relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations; and,
- Have a BC Driver's licence and provide a driver's abstract with ICBC;
- Obtain a Criminal Record Background and Vulnerable Sector check.

Preferred Qualifications

- At least one year/season in diversified vegetable production.
- Experience working within the not-for-profit sector.
- Food Safe Level 1 certification.
- First Aid and CPR certifications.
- Demonstrated embodiment of A Rocha Canada's Vision, Commitments and Core Values.
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