

TEAM CEAP VOLUNTEER VOICE



SUMMER IS HERE!

Now that it's summer, please take a moment to check your calendars and let your program manager know if you have any vacations or other scheduling changes.

We also encourage you to look at VolunteerMatters and see whether you can pick up any additional shifts as your fellow volunteers take time off to enjoy the summer!



UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

CEAP will be closed on the following days in observance of federal holidays and to allow Team CEAP some well-deserved time off!

- Monday, September 4: Labor Day

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Farm Fresh Fest is here! This program will take place on Wednesdays from 3pm-5pm from July 12 through August 30. Produce packing will be 1pm-3pm and distribution shifts will be 2:30pm-5:30pm. Shifts are live in VolunteerMatters. We have many corporate and civic groups joining us for this event series, so it may look like shifts are full, but you are welcome to sign up anyways - we need all the hands of support we can get!



Volunteer for 2+ shifts to receive a Farm Fresh shirt!

LEARNSTRONG WITH CEAP

As the school year approaches, neighbors will ask about backpacks and school supplies. Please kindly let participants know that CEAP is partnering with Osseo Area Schools to share backpacks with new enrollees only. Backpacks will not be provided through CEAP's Food Market or community events this year.

Questions about CEAP's back-to-school program should be directed to Maggie. Questions about donating to or volunteering this program should be directed to Kathryn (corporate groups and businesses) or Mark (individuals, faith groups, and civic groups).

As donations come in, please remember that large donations (like drive drop-offs) should be delivered in the back. ALL DONATIONS – food, school supplies, and other items – must be weighed and recorded. Once donations have been weighed, school supplies should be taken to the labeled pallets in the sorting hallway.

INSIDE BRIAN'S BRAIN

A NEW section of the Volunteer Voice dedicated to reminders and helpful hints from Brian, our Food Market Manager!

CEAP is committed to providing the highest-quality items available to our neighbors. If you would not be pleased to receive an item at a grocery store, it should not go in CEAP Essentials grocery orders.

The following items should always be thrown away:

- Outdated deli & dairy
- Broken packages
- Past date salad kits
- Over ripened, bruised, moldy, or damaged produce

When in doubt, throw it out!



VOLUNTEERMATTERS TIP

Please use VolunteerMatters to schedule yourself for volunteer opportunities. Self-scheduling ensures that you are always signed up for the shifts you want to work and allows CEAP staff to remain focused on supporting volunteers who are currently working.

Visit www.ceap.org/volunteer and click the purple "Current Volunteer? Log in here!" button to log into VolunteerMatters. Then, select "Project Catalog" (the book icon) on the left side to view all programs. We recommend bookmarking this page in your Internet browser for easy access!

CEAP has a volunteer kiosk that you are welcome to use to sign up for shifts. Please ask your program manager if you need help logging into and using VolunteerMatters!