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## 2018 Returning Member Application

### Celebrating our 10th Season!

A bulleted list of changes follows. There are not many! I have also copied the full CSA Member Policy after the bulleted list.

- There are no changes to CSA share types, cost, and pick up locations and times.
- Both Anna Laura Reeve and one of our 2017 interns, Jessica Tezak, are returning to work on the farm for the 2018 season.
- We will continue to experiment with different growing methods in the hopes of having large quantities of fall broccoli, cauliflower, brussels sprouts, and cabbage. As organic farmers, both our variety options and growing methods options are limited, but we aren't ready to give up yet.
- Our NRCS-funded underground irrigation lines will be installed this season. Our wells, in the end, do not provide enough flow to irrigate the whole farm using this method, as is. We hope to work with Corum Well Drillers to help us come up with a system that works, as long as it is not too expensive.
- We will continue to do less trials overall; however, the trials that we are planning will be solution-driven and quite extensive. We will continue our large SARE grant-funded squash trial, as well as muskmelon selection trials and fall brassica trials.
- We will also continue our heirloom seed saving efforts thanks to the support of Sustaining Members. This past season we were able to save seed from 20! varieties: "Variegated" collard greens, "Roseland" cucumbers, "San Jose Club" squash, "San JosexWaltham F1" squash, "Upper Ground Sweet Potato" squash, "CarrizoxWaltham" squash, "Ozark Pink" tomatoes, "Ozark Sun" tomatoes, "Gito's Chiltepin" pepper, "Elephant Ear" peppers, "Tsakoniki" eggplant, "Blue Moro" beans, "Brown Bunch" beans, "Jamapa" beans, "TN White Crowder" peas, "Bule" Gourd, "TN Red Valencia" peanuts, "Cherokee White Eagle" corn, "Grandma Nellie's Mushroom" beans, and "Yoeme" basil.

### CSA Member Policy

1. As a CSA member, you have agreed to pay the full share price for your share for a full season of vegetables. You must pay in full regardless of whether you pick-up your vegetables. If you are unable to complete the season because of an extenuating circumstance (move, illness, etc.), please let us know as soon as possible. If you choose to stop your CSA share and notify us before July 1, we will refund the remaining

portion of your share. We will not refund shares after July 1 because by the end of July we have already purchased all of our supplies and planted 90% of the fruits and vegetables for the season. We have had problems with members stopping their CSA share without notice and without paying every season. Please do not do it. If you sign your application, you are agreeing to pay the full CSA share price. We will pursue non-payers in court for CSA share price, legal fees, and court costs.

2. Pick-up: you must come to your assigned pick-up location each week, on-time. For this reason, we ask that you chose a pick-up location and time that is convenient for you. Members that come to pick up their CSA shares in person have a much better understanding of the farm and their vegetables. If you cannot come to your assigned pick up, we ask that you send someone in your place, or you may pick-up your share at the farm that week. In either instance, we ask that you notify us in advance. If you pick-up anywhere besides our Webb location, we will also gladly leave your bin at your pick-up location if you are unable to make it at your designated time **if we receive prior notification from you!** Prior notification includes: email notification at least 24 hours in advance of your pick-up time, by phone at anytime, or in person (either to Megan or to your pick-up host family). Notification can even include leaving you gray bin with your name on it at your pick up location (this works well) or a phone call right before your pick-up time ends to say that you are running late and will be there in a few minutes. If we do not receive word from you and you do not pick-up at the designated time, your bin will return to the farm. You must notify us within 24 hours after your designated pick-up whether you intend to pick-up your bin at the farm. If we do not hear from you, your bin will be donated. If you miss two bins without notifying us (either before or within 24 hours after your pick up), we reserve the right to terminate your membership. We will only refund your money if termination occurs prior to July 1, and we are able to find a replacement for your share. If termination occurs after July 1, we will not refund your share price, and you will still be responsible for final payment if you are on the payment plan.

3. If you are out-of-town, we ask that you send someone else to pick up your bin. We can hold them at the farm, and you can pick them up there when you return; however, they will still be harvested on your normal day. If you ever are unable to pick-up and unable to find someone to come for your veggies, we will gladly donate it along with our other donations. We make farm produce donations each week.

4. Returning members should have paid a \$75 bin fee last season. If you return both your bins at the end of the season, then you do not need to pay another bin fee. However, if we do not have your two gray bins, you will have to pay \$37.50 for each bin that you have not returned. New members will pay a one-time \$75 bin deposit as part of their initial CSA share cost. In exchange, you will all be assigned 2 gray, USDA- and FDA-approved plastic gray bins. In order to receive your bin each week, you must return the bin you received at your prior pick up. If you will be picking up late at any of the pick ups except Webb, you must leave your empty bin from the previous week **PRIOR** to your pick up time in order to receive your bin. If you do not have your bin or did not leave your bin, we will put your veggies in a cardboard box **AND YOU WILL BE**

**CHARGED \$6 FOR THE BOX. This season I will send monthly invoices for cardboard boxes. I will no longer leave our plastic harvest bins!**

Your \$75 deposit will be returned to you when you leave the CSA assuming you have returned both of your bins. If you have only returned one bin, we will return \$37.50. If you have not returned either bin, then you will not be refunded. Similarly, deposit will carry over from season to season. If you have returned both bins, then you will not pay a deposit the following season. If you have returned one (and can't find the other one), you will pay \$37.50. If you have not returned either (and can't find them), you will pay \$75 deposit again. **ALSO**, you will now be responsible for cleaning your bins. This is a large part of why we have decided to do this. Some members meticulously clean out their bins each week and some don't. We will wash them out with water, but otherwise their cleanliness is your responsibility.

5. If you choose to pay in payments, please pay on time. Late payments will be charged \$10 per week, and we will not deliver shares whose payments are not up-to-date.

6. We strongly encourage you to come out to the farm at least once a year to see where your food comes from and how it is grown. You are welcome to come any time, just call to make sure we are here. During the main growing season (Feb.-Nov), we are almost always here. The Farm Open House will be April 7, 2018. We will also host two potlucks. One will be April 7 with Open House and the other will be November 3.

**CSA Options:**

- **Full, regular season (April-November) share:** you receive a weekly box of veggies and some fruits that represents your share of the farm's produce that week (averages approximately 10 pounds per box, although varies by season). Cost paid in full is \$850 due 1/15/18.
- **Full, regular season by payments:** (same as above but paid by payments)  
Cost paid by payment plan is \$925 (\$375 due by 1/15/2018, additional payments of \$275 due by 5/15/2018 and 8/15/2018 for a total of \$925)
- **Every-other-week, regular season (April-November) share:** you receive a box of veggies and some fruits that represents your share of the farm's produce EVERY OTHER WEEK (averages approximately 10 pounds per box, although varies by season). Cost paid in full is \$475 due 1/15/18.
- **Every-other-week, paid by payments:** (same as above but paid by payments) Cost paid by payment plan is \$550 (\$250 due by 1/15/2018, additional payments of \$150 due by 5/15/2018 and 8/15/2018 for a total of \$550)
- **Winter share** (approximately 8 weeks in December and January): you receive a weekly box of fresh veggies plus storage crops and value-added products from the week after Thanksgiving until the middle of January, plus access to pick-your-own at the farm after we stop deliveries in January. See list of items above.  
\$250 flat fee due 11/15/18. You do not have to sign up for this until fall.
- **Sustaining Members Share:** This program is open to **returning** CSA members. You receive the regular season share, the winter share, weekly extras (most weeks) and/or

trial varieties for a \$1050 flat-fee. You also are able to pay in 4 \$262.50 installments. We also ask that you attend our "Sustaining Member" potluck and help to provide feedback about certain varieties or farm decisions. This is a way to formalize your commitment to our farm and our commitment to providing you and your family what you need. We will host this season's "Sustaining Member" potluck on Saturday, February 10, 5-7pm, at the farm for those of you who plan to participate and/or participated this past season. Half shares may become Sustaining Members by pairing up with another half share member. Please contact me for information.

\*\*\*\*If you choose to pick up at the farm, there is a \$75 discount for every-week shares and a \$37.50 discount for every-other-week shares.\*\*\*

**Important 2018 Dates:**

**Jan. 15, 2018 First CSA payment due**

**Feb. 10, 2018 Sustainable Member Potluck at Farm 5-7pm**

**April 7, 2018 Spring Farm Open House and Potluck 3-7pm, shares will start sometime in mid-April**

**May 15, 2018 Second CSA payment due**

**August 15, 2018 Third CSA payment due (last payment for regular members, 3rd of 4th for Sustaining Members)**

**November 3, 2018 Fall Farm Open House and Potluck 5-7pm**

**November 15, 2018 Winter Share payments due and final payment for Sustaining Members**

**November 17, 2018 Regular Season shares end, Winter shares start the week of 11/26**

## Application for "Sustaining Member" Shares

Applications for returning members are due 12/15/17. Please return in person, by email or to **Care of the Earth Community Farm**, 4314 Varnard Lane, Corryton, TN 37721. First payment (check to Care of the Earth Community Farm) due 1/15/18.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

(Please list all members associated with share.)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone numbers (preferably cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

(All members who want to receive email. Note if new.)

FOOD

ALLERGIES \_\_\_\_\_

\*We do not use any shellfish products.

I/We want a "Sustaining Member Share" paid in full, full payment (\$1050) due 1/15/18. We agree to CSA policy and our financial responsibilities.

I/We want a "Sustaining Member Share" paid in payments, four payments of \$262.50 due 1/15/18, 5/15/18, 8/15/18, and 11/15/18). We agree to CSA policy and our financial responsibilities.

You automatically receive a winter share by signing up for a "Sustaining Member" share. You do not need to fill out any other share application.

### Pick-up Location and Time:

Wednesdays at Webb, 3:30-4:30pm

Wednesdays at Island Home, 5:00-5:30pm

Wednesdays at Three Rivers Market, 6-6:30pm

Saturdays at Fountain City, 9:00-9:30am

Saturdays at Bearded Central Storage, 10-10:30am

Saturdays at Sequoyah Hills, 10:45-11:15am

Farm pickup, Tuesday/Wednesday (PRICE \$975 in full)

Farm pickup, Friday/Saturday (PRICE \$975 in full)

Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Application for Standard Full Shares

Applications for returning members are due 12/15/17. Please return in person, by email or to **Care of the Earth Community Farm**, 4314 Varnard Lane, Corryton, TN 37721. First payment (check to Care of the Earth Community Farm) due 1/15/18.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

(Please list all members associated with share.)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone numbers (preferably cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

(All members who want to receive email.)

FOOD

ALLERGIES \_\_\_\_\_

\*We do not use any shellfish products.

I/We want a Standard Full Share (April-November), paid in full, full payment (\$850) due 1/15/18. We agree to CSA policy and our financial responsibilities.

I/We want a Standard Full Share (April-November), paid by payment plan (\$925). We agree to CSA policy and our financial responsibilities. Late payments will be charged a \$10 late fee. Full share payments due as follows: \$375 due by 1/15/2018, additional payments of \$275 due by 5/15/2018 and 8/15/2018 for a total of \$925.

I/We want a Winter Share (The week of 11/26/18-mid-January 2019), paid in full (\$250) due 11/15/18.

#### Pick-up Location and Time:

Wednesdays at Webb, 3:30-4:30pm

Wednesdays at Island Home, 5:00-5:30pm

Wednesdays at Three Rivers Market, 6-6:30pm

Saturdays at Fountain City, 9:00-9:30am

Saturdays at Bearden Central Storage, 10-10:30am

Saturdays at Sequoyah Hills, 10:45-11:15am

Farm pickup, Tuesday/Wednesday (PRICE \$775 in full, \$850 in payments)

Farm pickup, Friday/Saturday (PRICE \$775 in full, \$850 in payments)

Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Application for Every-Other-Week Shares

Applications for returning members are due 12/15/17. Please return in person, by email or to **Care of the Earth Community Farm**, 4314 Varnard Lane, Corryton, TN 37721. First payment (check to Care of the Earth Community Farm) due 1/15/18.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

(Please list all members associated with share.)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone numbers (preferably cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

(All members who want to receive email.)

FOOD

ALLERGIES \_\_\_\_\_

\*We do not use any shellfish products.

I/We want a Every-Other-Week Share (April-November), paid in full, full payment (\$475) due 1/15/18. We agree to CSA policy and our financial responsibilities.

I/We want a Every-Other-Week Share (April-November), paid by payment plan (\$550). We agree to CSA policy and our financial responsibilities. Late payments will be charged a \$10 late fee. E-O-W share payments due as follows: \$250 due by 1/15/2018, additional payments of \$150 due by 5/15/2018 and 8/15/2018 for a total of \$550.

I/We want a Winter Share (The week of 11/26/18-mid-January 2019), paid in full (\$250) due 11/15/18.

#### Pick-up Location and Time:

Wednesdays at Webb, 3:30-4:30pm

Wednesdays at Island Home, 5:00-5:30pm

Wednesdays at Three Rivers Market, 6-6:30pm

Saturdays at Fountain City, 9:00-9:30am

Saturdays at Bearden Central Storage, 10-10:30am

Saturdays at Sequoyah Hills, 10:45-11:15am

Farm pickup, Tuesday/Wednesday (PRICE \$437.50 in full, \$512.50 in payments)

Farm pickup, Friday/Saturday (PRICE \$437.50 in full, \$512.50 in payments)

Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_