



# Aldermere Farm and Erickson Fields Preserve

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## Volunteer Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Areas of Interest:** (Please check all that apply). Please see the back of this page for descriptions of our volunteer opportunities.

Trail Clearing & Maintenance \_\_\_\_\_ Landscaping \_\_\_\_\_ Fence Inspection & Repair \_\_\_\_\_ Haying \_\_\_\_\_

Field Weed Control \_\_\_\_\_ Visitor Center \_\_\_\_\_ Event Planning \_\_\_\_\_ Nature Walk Tour Guide \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Tour Guide \_\_\_\_\_ Grant Writing \_\_\_\_\_ Painting & Staining \_\_\_\_\_ Maintenance on Buildings &

Equipment \_\_\_\_\_ Grounds Care \_\_\_\_\_ Cattle \_\_\_\_\_ Skiing \_\_\_\_\_ Ag. Education \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetable gardening \_\_\_\_\_ Garden Maintenance \_\_\_\_\_

**Related Experience/Comments:**

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**What do you hope to get out of your volunteer experience?**

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**Availability:** (Please check all times you are generally available)

Any day \_\_\_ Monday \_\_\_ Tuesday \_\_\_ Wednesday \_\_\_ Thursday \_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_ Sunday \_\_\_

Mornings \_\_\_ Afternoons \_\_\_ Evenings \_\_\_\_\_

**Seasonal Availability:** Year-Round \_\_\_ Winter \_\_\_ Spring \_\_\_ Summer \_\_\_ Fall

Comments on your availability?

## **Descriptions of Volunteer Opportunities**

### **Trail Maintenance**

- Regularly walk our trails and remove branches or trash, and report to farm staff any “rule violations.” (All year)

### **Landscaping**

- Work with a team of Master Gardeners on various flower gardens throughout the farm. (April through October)

### **Fence Inspection & Repair**

- Walk fences with farm staff and repair from winter damage. (Spring)

### **Haying**

- Throwing hay bales, driving trucks and/or tractors, as experience allows. (June through October)

### **Field Weed Control**

- Cutting invasive plants from pastures, when cattle are not in them! (June through October)

### **Visitor Center**

- Welcome visitors to Aldermere Farm, answer questions, discuss Maine Coast Heritage Trust, and supporting agriculture. No experience is necessary, and training will be provided. (June through September)

**Event Planning** – Assist with the planning and execution of various events at the farm such as the annual Art Show and Sale, Calf Unveiling, Farm Open House, etc. (All year)

### **Guided Tours – Nature Walks**

- For those who have a naturalist background/hobby and can share and explain the farm’s/property’s features with visitors. (All year)

### **Guided Tours – Farm**

- To lead groups around the farm after receiving appropriate training. (June through October)

### **Painting & Staining**

- Work around the farm scraping and/or painting, along with staining of houses, farm buildings and fences. (May through September)

### **Maintenance on Buildings**

- Provide support on various projects, including new construction, repairs, shingling roofs, etc. (April through October)

### **Maintenance on Equipment**

- Lend assistance on maintaining and repairing equipment (All year)

### **Grounds Care**

- To include raking, mowing lawns, and/or trimming grass (April through October)

### **Cattle**

- Work with young calves and/or show cattle as we introduce them to humans, being haltered, and being led safely.

### **Skiing**

- Break the trail, lead lunch time and moonlight ski tours in our open pastures. (January through March)

### **Ag. Education**

- We offer many programs throughout the year; Farmhands, Kids Can Grow, Educational talks and workshops. (All year)

### **Vegetable Gardening and Garden Maintenance**

- Watering, weeding, planting, harvesting in raised garden beds and building new raised beds at Erickson Preserve (April through November)