

2018 Membership Application

FREEDOM FARM

(Formally known as The Farm at St. Joseph's)

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a relationship between our farm and you as our customer. Rather than simply purchasing food, our customers become members of this CSA farm and receive a share of each week's harvest.

Our CSA runs for 21 weeks, from June through October. Members are responsible for arriving on time at the pickup site each week to pick up your share of freshly harvested produce. We plan to provide each member with 8-12 lbs. of vegetables per week, averaged over the course of the season.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How much food will I get?

It all depends on the season. Certain crops do well some years; other crops do well other years. We never know what the season will bring until it's upon us. Every effort will be made to provide our members with a wide variety of vegetables and some fruit.

2. Where do I pick up the food?

All food is picked up at the farm at 1725 Brentwood Road, Brentwood unless you select pickup at one of Family Residences Day Programs.

3. How will I know what is going on?

If pickup is changed or delayed we will make every effort to contact you with the contact information you provided us. Otherwise we will try to keep our website up to date and send out a weekly email telling you what is going on and coming up, but sometimes the pressure of simply farming becomes more than we can handle, especially in the peak of summer harvest while planting is still going on.

4. What time are pickups?

TUESDAYS OR THURSDAYS at our farm in Brentwood from 1:30pm until 6:30pm.

TUESDAYS in Bethpage from 3:00pm until 4:00pm.

THURSDAYS in Hauppauge from 3:00pm until 4:00pm.

5. How is the food distributed?

For on the farm pickup, food is arranged farm stand style for pickup. Members are responsible for providing their own bags for pickup at the farm and distribution centers. We harvest every morning for the number of members coming that day. A chalkboard will list what each share contains. Someone will be present to assist members. For pick-up at our off-farm locations we will select your produce for you and bring it to your pick up location.

6. Do I have to work on the farm?

There is no work requirement but we definitely welcome volunteers. Working together is a great way for us to get to know each other.

7. Are pickup dates flexible?

Because we harvest produce for the specific number of people expected that day, we ask members to make every effort to stick to their chosen pickup day.

8. What if I can't make a pickup?

You can send someone else for your pick-up. If no one picks up your share it will join the rest of our donation to St Anne's food pantry or one of the many charities we provide for.

9. Can I split a share with someone?

Definitely. But you are responsible for dividing it. For the purposes of data entry, we ask for only one contact person per share, but all partners can email the growers with questions, receive CSA-related emails, pick herbs and flowers, volunteer, etc.

10. Can I bring my kids to volunteer on the farm?

Definitely. However, we need you to supervise your children, and to understand that age-appropriate tasks are not always available, but children are certainly welcome to accompany their parents. We inform members via email of upcoming kid-friendly activities. Adults and children do not have permission to enter or use the buildings on the grounds. There will be a port-a-potty at the farm. Our clean water supply is seasonal.

11. Are there hazards on the farm?

Yes! Although the farmers strive to make the farm and distribution sites safe for visitors, there are hazards on any farm. Hazards include but are not limited to: uneven ground, sharp objects, farm equipment, tools, bees, weeds, etc. Climbing on farm equipment is not allowed.

FREEDOM FARM

191 Bethpage-Sweet Hollow Road

Bethpage, NY 11804

For questions please contact KAREN BONNE at (631)345-0318 or email:

thefarmer@familyres.org.

2018 FREEDOM FARM Membership Agreement

I agree that by joining FREEDOM FARM CSA (“the Farm”) I have chosen to share in the Farm’s benefits (fresh, locally grown vegetables and fruit in season without conventional pesticides and herbicides and in the Farm’s uncertainties (including but not limited to: crop failure, pests, disease, weather and weeds). I understand that my weekly share will vary according to the weather and the season and that the amount and content of my share is not guaranteed. Additionally, the Farm operates a farm stand which will sell vegetables harvested at the Farm, thereby allowing members to purchase additional produce. The Farm will also donate a small percentage of its harvest to a local charity with the purpose of feeding the poor.

Pick up days and locations: I understand that membership is on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to harvest and distribution logistics, the farm limits the number of shares available per distribution day and site. If the site of your choice has filled up, the farm will contact you to discuss alternatives. It is ok to indicate a 2nd choice by placing a “2” on that offering if you can commit to it.

FREEDOM FARM 1:30 – 6:30 pm: TUESDAY _____ THURSDAY _____
1725 Brentwood Road
Brentwood, New York 11717

FREE 3-4 pm: TUESDAY only _____
191 Sweet Hollow Road
Old Bethpage, New York 11804

FREE
120 Plant Ave.
Hauppauge, New York 11788 3-4pm THURSDAY only _____

FULL CSA SHARE (21 WEEKS DISTRIBUTION).....\$650.00

HALF CSA SHARE (11 WEEKS DISTRIBUTION).....\$325.00

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT RATE (PAID IN FULL BY MARCH 31, 2018).....\$600.00

RETURNING MEMBER DISCOUNT FULL CSA SHARE\$550.00

RETURNING MEMBER DISCOUNT HALF CSA SHARE.....\$225.00

NOTE: FULL SHARES DISRIBUTED EVERY WEEK HALF SHARES EVERY OTHER WEEK!!

Total enclosed..... \$ _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone(s): _____ Email: _____

Additional contact info. _____

Individuals permitted to pick up my share (other than myself): _____

Terms and Conditions

Payment

1. Your membership share cost is due up-front. Monthly payment plans are available, which will allow members to pay the annual fee over the course of five successive months. Each monthly payment is due by the last business day of the month. Whole shares must be paid in full by May 31, 2018. Initial payments for monthly payment plans must be received by March 31, 2018. By selling memberships in advance of the growing season, CSA reduces the burden of up-front costs for the farmer. Your membership fees provide us with money to purchase seed and equipment before the season starts, and we appreciate your commitment.

Share Risks

2. Each member's weekly share will vary according to the weather and the season and that the amount and content of my share is not guaranteed. I understand that crop failure, pests, disease, and weather will affect the FREEDOM FARM (hereinafter "the Farm") and my share of the produce. I have been given no guarantees as to any amount, quality, or type of produce or the contents of the share I may receive from the Farm. Any complaint of such may only be directed to the Farm in the manner of a suggestion for the next growing season.
3. The harvest season is 21 weeks long and runs from June through October. My weekly share is based on the average amount harvested. The Farm will attempt to provide to each member an average of 8-12 lbs. a week, averaged over the 21 week harvest season.
4. The Farm will act in good faith to provide fresh produce to each member over the 21 weeks. In the extreme unlikelihood that a circumstance outside the Farm's control (severe weather, natural disaster, war, disease or insect damage, etc.) occurs and the Farm is unable to continue providing weekly shares, all members will be notified via email at the earliest commercially reasonable time.
5. If a share is not picked up either at the farm or pickup location, it will be donated to St Anne's food pantry or another charity and you will not be reimbursed for the missed share. If you cannot pickup your share, please arrange for someone else to pick it up.

Indemnification

6. I understand that the Farm is a working farm and visiting the Farm presents some risk of injury, including, but not limited to serious personal injury, death, or damage to my property.
7. I agree that I (and my family, heirs, and assigns) release the land owners, the farmers, Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc., or Freedom Farm, or their officers, owners, employees and agents from any and all liability for any injury to me, my family, guests, or damages to any of our property that might occur at the Farm.

8. I (and my family, heirs, and assigns) assume all risks associated with my participation on the Farm and understand that I am solely responsible for all costs, including medical and hospital bills, for any injury to my person or property arising out of or from my participation at the Farm.

Cancellation and Termination

9. The Farm reserves the right to reasonably cancel a membership for behavior deemed egregious or inappropriate by the farmers. Cancellation by the Farm prior to the first harvest will result in a full refund. Cancellation by the Farm after the first harvest will result in a pro-rated refund.
10. No other refunds will be granted by the Farm.

I have read and understand this Membership Agreement, including the Terms and Conditions.

Signature _____

Date _____

Please mail signed 2018 FREEDOM FARM Membership Agreement and signed Terms and Conditions along with payment checks made out to FREE to:

**Karen Bonne, Director
C/O FREE / Saddle Rock Ranch
41 Coram Swezeytown Rd. Middle Island, NY 11953**

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