

We still have plenty of summer vegetable and fruit shares available and we'd love to have you sign up! If you've already joined for the summer, please forward this email to a friend to help spread the word. You can click the link below to download a signup form from our website.

On another note, Angie and I are really excited about our farm crew this summer. You'll have a chance to meet them in person at the pickup sites, at the Saturday Farmers Markets in Nevada City, and at our Harvest Festivals (June 14th and September 19th). Until then, we wanted to give you a sneak preview!

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Shana Maziarz: After spending the last 4 years acting as the Head of School and teaching for the Woolman Semester at the Sierra Friends Center in Nevada City, Shana is now the Crew Leader for our 5 summer interns—both cracking the whip and providing chocolate. After 4 years spent within 100 yards of a computer, Shana is relishing her days in the fields and her forced separation from all things email related. Her favorite vegetable is “I love them all,” but when pressed she expressed a particular fondness for parsnips. She roasts her parsnips with other root veggies in a rosemary olive oil sauce—to die for.



Jessica Scholz: Jessica is our resident Swahili Master! While the link between Swahili and farming isn't immediately obvious, Jessica's time living with a coffee farmer in Tanzania (through a Fullbright-Hayes fellowship) is what inspired her passion for subsistence food production. She's looking forward to building muscles and eating well this summer—she tells us that she followed her belly here—and hopes to spread agriculture to urban areas when she leaves. Her favorite vegetable the beet (“because it's two veggies in one”), which she loves eating with goat cheese.



Jeff Boesch: Although he spent his last 5 years living in Tahoe (as an official ski bum), Jeff originally hails from Ohio. He's looking forward to working hard and being a sponge for sustainable living methods this summer. He's also excited about having a relationship with the land and the people living off that land (that's us!). His favorite vegetable is broccoli—especially in stir fry or curry where it “soaks up the goodness.”



Ryan Thibodaux: Ryan is a self-described “suburban white boy from Oakland” who is looking to lead a more sustainable lifestyle and provide food to his neighbors. A refugee from the land of bookkeeping and accounting, Ryan and his partner Poppy hope to start their own farm someday. His favorite vegetable is spinach which he uses in a mean vegan lasagna.



Poppy Nguyen: Poppy has been a real estate agent in Oakland for nine years, but she and her partner Ryan are finally taking this summer to explore their long-term dream of becoming farmers. She's really excited about spending her days outdoors instead of behind a computer. Her favorite vegetable is kale—which she loves eating steamed with a sprinkling of balsamic vinegar.



Rachel Betrus: Rachel has been easing her way west from New York since college. Most recently she lived in Portland Oregon, where she was a bicycle mechanic and seamstress. Her background is in Earth Science and she's very interested in sustainability and growing her own food. This summer, she's most excited about eating vegetables and swimming in the Yuba. Her favorite vegetable is garlic (she even has a tattoo), which she eats in everything (even raw).