#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Gleaning and Processing Days

The Wood County AmeriCorps Farm to School Program is teaming up with Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools Food Service and the Wood County Health Department to put on a series of gleaning and processing events to freeze local produce. All local produce will be served in next school year's lunch program!

**What is gleaning?** Gleaning is the act of picking the extra crops from fields that were not sold during the farm's regular harvest season. The produce that is leftover is perfectly fresh and healthy to eat, and was left in the fields because there was an abundance of the crop, not because they are defective or unfit to be eaten. This year, we are focusing on local carrots.

#### Volunteers are needed for the following roles:

- Process carrots at East Junior High School, Wisconsin Rapids:
  - Includes helping to wash, cut, and freeze produce

All necessary supplies and equipment to process the fresh produce will be provided. Food Safety and Food Handling Training will also take place.

Where: East Junior High School Kitchen When: Friday, August 3rd at 10:30 am

#### **Carrots**

Patrykus Farms
Carrots will be picked up from the farm the morning of Friday, August 3rd.

#### Special thanks to Patrykus Farms for the generous donation!

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Miranda Dawson at <a href="mailto:mdawson@co.wood.wi.us">mdawson@co.wood.wi.us</a> for more information or to sign up.

Thank you for your support of the Farm to School Program! We strive to bring fresh, local foods to your students' lunchrooms and provide beneficial nutrition education for a healthy future! Your support keeps our program strong and growing!

Sincerely,

AmeriCorps Farm to School, Wood County





## FARM TO SCHOOL GLEANING AND PROCESSING DAYS

# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

### August 3rd



Looking for help picking, washing, chopping, and freezing carrots to be used in future school lunches!

Contact mdawsoneco.wood.wi.us for more information