

BLACKWOOD BOUNTY COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

The Commitment:

I believe in Blackwood Educational Land Institute's mission to model the indispensable role of sustainable food systems in all our lives, and I value its commitment to ecological land stewardship. By signing this contract, I commit to membership in the Blackwood Bounty Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Program on a seasonal basis and accept full responsibility for the collection of my weekly share.

At Blackwood, CSA farm shares are the foundation of production. I understand that the priority of Blackwood is to serve me with a weekly share of the freshest and most nourishing seasonal produce the Farm has to offer. I appreciate that Blackwood is a sustainably managed farm which promotes life in all forms for the benefit of ecological land stewardship. As such, Blackwood prioritizes soil health in all cultivation practices and, in doing so, ensures to the best of the Farm's ability that all the seedlings flourish and grow into nourishing vegetables for bountiful harvests. I also understand that there are risks associated with farming which may reasonably impact production. I will realize and participate by membership in the ups and downs of the weather and inherent risks of an agricultural endeavor in order to support and promote a healthier food system for our Gulf Coast community. In return, Blackwood pledges to do the utmost to incorporate a variety of growing practices aimed at minimizing this risk. Some of these practices include, but are not limited to, composting, mulching, irrigating, habitat planting, mindfully cultivating, and soil stewarding.

Payment: The Blackwood Bounty CSA program operates as a seasonal commitment and program durations fluctuate based on the season. (Please check your membership to confirm the current season's schedule.) Payment is due prior to your first pick-up of the season.

Shares: We offer two sizes of farm shares to better accommodate our members' lifestyles. The full share is valued at \$35/week and is intended to feed a family of 2-4. It is filled with 5-10 different varieties of produce each week depending on the harvest schedule. The partial share is valued at \$20/week and is intended to feed 1-2 individuals. It is filled with 4-7 different varieties of produce each week depending on the harvest schedule.

Delivery: Shares will be dropped off at Honeysuckle Coffee Bistro (6507 Hwy 290 E, Brenham, TX 77833) and will be available for pick-up Fridays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., running October 19th – December 21st.

Refunds: By committing to the Blackwood Bounty, I am supporting the Blackwood farm program. Blackwood does not offer refunds for shares. If at any point during the season I am unable to collect the share myself, I accept responsibility for finding someone else to pick it up on my behalf and for contacting Blackwood farm staff 24 hours in advance to let them know. I understand that failure to pick up my share without fair notice will result in a forfeit for that week. Should I need to withdraw from the CSA, I may be able to transfer my share to another party. I will be responsible for finding someone to buy out my share and I will consult with Blackwood Farm Director, Rebecca Verm, before proceeding with such a transfer. Blackwood maintains final approval over any transfer of membership.