

Himmelparten*

a neighborhood farm

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We're Sandy and Tom Farley, and it's our fourth year of turning the empty weed-filled lot next to our home into a small-scale farm, **Himmelparten**, to provide the freshest produce we can to our neighbors. Farming has some risks [drought, pests], but the benefits [fresh, nearly organic food; weekly exercise; closeness to the seasons; meeting the neighbors;] far outweigh the costs. We have a well, but water will be an issue this year. You can subscribe and eat very locally at least some of the time.

Community Commitment:

We donate at least one bag a week to Ecumenical Hunger Program to feed the needy. We schedule work-days twice per quarter for members to help out and get to know each other. We have three quarterly potlucks.

How a CSA works:

Here's how this **Community Supported Agriculture [CSA]** works. When you join **Himmelparten**, you pay for three months to nine months of produce. Then you pick up your bag on Tuesday afternoons/evenings, starting March 3, 2015. You can send a neighbor if you are busy or away, or you can donate your share to Ecumenical Hunger Program.

Can't commit to three months? Occasional bags are \$20 each. Each week we may be able to fill some extra bags. We'll e-mail people on our Occasional Bag list asking for a phone call to reserve a bag.

What you will receive:

We aim to fill a handled paper grocery bag with \$20 - \$25 worth of food. Pick up time is on Tuesdays after 3:00 pm. There will be fruit, vegetables, herbs, and a flower based entirely on what is ripe and at the peak of flavor. There may be seeds, honey, or preserves. Some weeks we'll have more than others because of weather cycles and planting schedules, but we hope to give you good value for your investment over the course of each 3-month period. You will be welcome in the garden at any time, so you can check up on the progress of the crops you fancy. Of course, you are welcome to take or leave books at the Little Free Library on Rutherford Ave.

What you will give:

As a subscribing member, you are expected to give some time doing needed tasks, providing materials, or offering food from your garden to share. For example: we're not growing lemons or kiwis, and our apricot trees are very young. If you have an over abundance, please share. You will be contributing to the Ecumenical Hunger Program as well as to **Himmelparten**. Also, weeders are always welcomed.

How to join:

An application form is available at <http://www.himmelparten.org/application-2015.pdf>. Download, fill out, and drop off with a check. Stop to chat.