

## Avery House Nature Center Internship

**Corvallis Environmental Center Background:** The CEC envisions a community in which People Learn, People Care, People Act. In pursuit of this vision, our mission is to educate, engage, and inspire people to create a healthy, sustainable community. We do this through nature-based education, local & healthy food initiatives, and energy conservation programs. The CEC was founded in 1994 as a grassroots effort to take action on environmental issues and today reaches over 15,000 people in Benton County and surrounding area through its programs and services. CEC educational programming and community events are held at Avery House Nature Center, Starker Arts Garden for Education (SAGE), in community schools, and outside at various parks and other locations. The CEC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

**Position Description:** The Corvallis Environmental Center's Avery House Nature Center focuses on early childhood education through nature-based learning. We run the NaturePlay Preschool (for ages 3-5) with shifts available M-F 8:00 to 12:30 and our Nature School programs (for ages 4-10) with shifts available M-F 12:30 to 4:30 (with the option of working a full 8:00-4:30 day if your schedule allows). We would prefer for Nature Preschool Interns to stay with us for two or more consecutive terms. Interns will assist in the preschool classroom, prep and clean up snacks, art projects and activities, and help develop curriculum for our nature education programs.

**Position Responsibilities:**

AHNC interns will work under the supervision of the Nature School Manager. All will be expected to:

- Participate in CEC internship orientation
- Develop and commit to a work plan and schedule
- Support the needs of AHNC's educational programming as described below.
- Design, and implement age-appropriate activities, and lessons, related to nature education

**Qualifications:**

- Effectively communicate with a diversity of people including children as young as 3 yrs old
- A creative self-starter with the ability to take initiative and problem solve
- An ability to pass a criminal background check
- CPR/1st Aid certified or willingness to complete training
- Punctual and reliable, organized and a positive attitude!

All interns are subject to background checks.

**For more information, contact our Nature School Manager: [nima@corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org](mailto:nima@corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org)**