

## **Natureplay Preschool Assistant 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 Natureplay Preschool Assistant Internship focuses on early childhood education through nature-based learning. We run the Natureplay Preschool (for ages 3-5) in the summer in two 4-week sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 12pm. Interns will assist in the preschool classroom, prep and clean up snacks, art projects and activities. They will also help with developing curriculum for our nature education programs.

### **Position Responsibilities:**

Natureplay Preschool Assistant 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
- Assist the lead teacher by being present at preschool every Tuesday or Thursday over the two 4-week sessions held at SAGE and AHNC.

### **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!

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