

Summer Camp 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 the 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 internships located out at SAGE and Avery House Nature Center offer opportunities to connect youth to the natural world with activity based, hands-on environmental learning. As a summer camp intern you will assist CEC staff with teaching summer camps and programs (ages 4-14), explore and investigate nature outdoors – get dirty and have fun discovering Corvallis. We usually have about 50-60 kids each week that we split into three age groups led by an experienced Lead Instructor/naturalist with the help of one intern per group. Each intern will be assigned weekly to a specific age group and Lead Instructor. Interns help the Lead Instructor with child management, group activities, games, art and snack at AH or local natural areas through hiking, biking, rafting or other adventures and ensure campers are accounted for and safe.

Each morning the intern will arrive to help prepare activities for the day, supervise early arrivals, lead games or activities and help make the sign in and out go smoothly when parents are dropping off and picking up children. Our summer camps are held weekly, starting June 17th and running through August 30th, from 9am to 3pm, Monday through Friday. As a summer camp intern you would be expected to remain for the entire 10 weeks of camp, i.e. the entire summer term. We offer extended care options each day of camp from 8-9am and 3-5pm for all 10 weeks. We would ideally like intern candidates to be flexible in their availability during the times of 8am and 6pm from M-F.

Position Responsibilities: Summer Camp interns will work under the supervision of the Nature School Manager and will be expected to:

- Participate in CEC internship orientation
- Participate in CEC Camps and Programming Summer Training
- Support the needs of CEC's educational programming as described above
- Assist with summer camps at least 20-30 hours/week
- Available for the weeks between June 17 and August 30, 2019.

Qualifications:

- Effectively communicate with a diverse group of people, including children as young as 4 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 the Program Coordinator at: cassidy@corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org