

Job Announcement

Community Food and Agriculture Program Assistant

Reports to: Community Food and Agriculture Program Manager

Employment Type: Temporary/Seasonal, March - October, 20 hrs/week

Location: Corvallis, Oregon

Start date: March 1

Application deadline: Open until filled; first review by February 1st

Community Food and Agriculture Program Assistant

The Community Food and Agriculture Program Assistant will work as an integral part of the Corvallis Environmental Center team. Under the direction of the Community Food and Agriculture Program Manager, the Assistant will have responsibility of assisting in the maintenance, production, administration and programming occurring at or related to the Starker Arts Garden for Education (SAGE) and the Dunawi Creek Community Garden (DCCG). The Assistant will also lead volunteer and service-learning groups, give tours and participate in CEC events.

About the Corvallis Environmental Center

The Corvallis Environmental Center (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 local & healthy food initiatives, nature-based education, 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 through its programs and services.

About Starker Arts Garden for Education (SAGE) and Dunawi Creek Community Garden (DCCG)

Starker Arts Garden for Education, or SAGE, is a one-acre production and education garden located in Bruce Starker Arts Park. All of the produce grown at SAGE is donated through our Food For Families Program to hunger relief agencies in our community. SAGE is also a place to learn. We offer programs for folks of all ages, including, farm field trips, summer camps, workshops, and garden-based family programming.

Dunawi Creek Community Garden is also located in Bruce Starker Arts Park. This 2-acre garden hosts nearly 100 community garden plots of three different sizes (100, 200, 400 square feet), a native plant garden, a shared small-fruit area and provides four ADA-accessible garden beds. Community Garden Members have access to irrigation water, community tool shed and equipment and CEC Garden Staff.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assisting in the maintenance and production at SAGE, including but not limited to: irrigation, propagation, bed preparation, planting, pruning, mulching, weeding, harvesting, washing, packing, and delivery of produce, moving organic materials, basic construction projects
- Lead volunteer, service-learning, community, intern and tour groups at SAGE; providing proper training, task-management and opportunities for education
- Assist in the administration of the DCCG Program including but not limited to: new member orientation, potential member tours, garden plot inspection, tool and plot maintenance, outreach events
- Administration and upkeep of program, production and donation tracking and records
- Participate in volunteer engagement and management, staff meetings and fundraising events
- Other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Experience farming or large scale gardening practicing organic principles
- Experience working with children, families, and individuals from diverse backgrounds
- Leadership experience; ability to efficiently coordinate multiple tasks and people at the same time
- Self-motivated, hardworking, professional, and dependable; ability to work independently, in a team, and in a support role.
- Ability to work outdoors in all types of weather; ability to lift and carry up to 40 lbs., stand, bend, squat, and safely use a variety of hand tools and gas powered equipment
- Well organized and detail-oriented.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Ability to communicate effectively with a diversity of people
- Interest in food, cooking, sustainable agricultural, and garden education
- Interest in local / seasonal food and community food systems
- Availability during a Tuesday-Saturday work week
- Bilingual, Spanish (preferred, not required)

COMPENSATION:

- \$13.50-15.00/hr, DOE
- Benefits include flexible schedule and fluid work environment
- Occasional evening and weekend work is expected.

TO APPLY please complete an application online at www.corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org

The Corvallis Environmental Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer