



Avery House Nature Center
A program of the Corvallis Environmental Center
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2017-2018 Internships

CEC & AHNC Background: Since 1994 the Corvallis Environmental Center (CEC) has been actively working to educate, engage and inspire people to create a healthier, more sustainable community. The CEC's three core programs are leading the way in achieving these efforts: Avery House Nature Center, Energize Corvallis and the Edible Corvallis Initiative. These programs focus on strengthening people's relationships to nature, food and community – on a local, regional and national level. The CEC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

Listed below are brief position descriptions for internships: Specific responsibilities will be dependent on the intern's qualifications and professional interests based on any of the four options below

- **Nature Preschool Intern:** The focus of this internship is in early childhood education. Shifts are M-F 8:00 to 12:00 or 12:30 to 4:00. Days can be M/W/F or Tu/Th. **We would prefer for Nature Preschool Interns to stay with us for two consecutive terms if possible.** 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.
- **Interpretive Animal Husbandry Intern:** Care for Avery House education animals and improve interactive interpretive displays. This intern will feed and care reptiles, amphibians, mammals and birds. They will develop and improve nature and animal education displays, and create/maintain animal enclosures on site.
- **Nature Programs in Schools Assistant Instructor:** Assist School Program Coordinator with planning and teaching nature programs at local schools and class field trips to local natural areas. Assist with Schools Out programs.
- **Community Outreach Intern:** Help connect Avery House to the local community by creating and dispersing flyers, advertisements and signage using social media platforms, print advertising and tabling at local events. Help with weekend Birthday Parties. Attend and assist at local events and Schools Out Days.

Job Responsibilities:

- Interns work under the supervision of the Director and Nature Programs Coordinator and are expected to:
- Participate in CEC internship orientation (as scheduled annually)
- Develop and commit to a work plan and schedule with supervisor
- Support the needs of AHNC's educational programming as described below.
- Assist in development and implementation of nature activities/lessons at the facility/schools/nature areas.

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!

Questions? Email connie@corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org or call 541.758.6198.

We look forward to working with you and having you help us connect kids with nature!