

Position Announcement
Farm to School Educator

About the Corvallis Environmental Center

The Corvallis Environmental Center (CEC) is a community-based, educational non-profit that has prioritized partnerships to implement programs to address community needs since 1994. CEC's mission is to create a healthy, sustainable community. We do this through pre-K through 8th environmental education, Farm to School programs, youth leadership development, teacher training, and food security. We are based in Corvallis, Oregon and work in surrounding communities of Benton and Linn Counties. CEC's programs include after school programs, summer camps, a nature-based preschool in Avery Park, classroom education in partnership with local school districts, family programs and events, and a 1-acre demonstration and education garden in Starker Arts Park known as SAGE. The food grown at SAGE is donated to those in need through our social service partner agencies.

About the Position

The Farm to School Educator works as an integral part of the Corvallis Environmental Center team and is responsible for daily implementation of Farm to School Education classes and activities. These programs include an afterschool program, Schools Out Adventure camps and Summer Camps, field trips, and custom education programs. This position will focus primarily on direct instruction of elementary-aged children via CEC's Farm to School program during the school year and day camps in the summer. Work takes place in school classrooms and gardens, parks and natural areas, Starker Arts Garden for Education, local farms, Avery House Nature Center, office settings, and remotely as needed, with occasional evening and weekend work required. The Farm to School Educator will work closely with CEC staff and community partners including schools (in Corvallis, Albany and surrounding communities), farmers and producers, regional and state partners, and other organizations. The person in this position may also participate in other education programs as a teacher or substitute when needed.

Reports to: Community Food Systems Manager

Employment Type: Full time regular, 30-40 hours per week, non-exempt

Pay Rate: \$17.50 - \$18.50 per hour DOE; benefits include health and dental insurance.

Location: Based in Corvallis, Oregon

Hours: Typically 8am-4:00pm with occasional evening or weekend events.

Job Responsibilities

- Prepare and lead culturally responsive and inclusive curriculum for Farm to School educational programs including Classroom Food Adventures, school garden lessons, tasting tables, day camps, school outreach events, field trips, and more (primarily for elementary aged children)
- Collaborate with local schools and community partners to assess needs and implement programming and events

- Develop Farm to School educational and outreach content such as recipes, lesson plans, social media posts, and materials highlighting the Harvest of the Month
- Work with other program staff to develop and implement new education programs, including in-person and digital content
- Track program participation and purchasing, administer program evaluations, and assist in grant reporting
- Substitute in other programs as needed
- Participate in regular staff meetings and organization-wide events
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications

- Demonstrates a commitment to equity and creating a positive, inclusive work environment.
- Experience leading groups of elementary aged children in activities and lessons in an outdoor and/or classroom setting
- Work experience or degree in child development, elementary education, environmental or natural resource education, environmental sciences, community food systems, public health, environmental/food policy, nutrition, or related field.
- Self-motivated, hardworking, professional, and dependable; ability to work independently, in a team, and in a support role
- Well organized and detail-oriented
- Access to reliable transportation
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- First Aid/CPR certified by time of employment

Additional Preferred Qualifications

- Bilingual in Spanish and English strongly preferred
- Experience working with diverse populations and/or lived experience as a member of a traditionally marginalized community.
- Experience or interest in integrating social and environmental justice principles into educational programming

To apply, please email a cover letter and resume to liz@corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org

The position is open until filled.

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