

## Nature Education Intern

**Corvallis Environmental Center Background:** 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 work in Corvallis, Oregon, and surrounding rural communities. CEC's programs include after-school programs, summer camps, a nature-based preschool in Avery Park, classroom education in partnership with the Corvallis, Albany, and Philomath School Districts, family programs and events, and a 1-acre demonstration and education garden in Starker Arts Park known as SAGE. The Corvallis Environmental Center is committed to being an inclusive organization and fully supports those demanding reform and justice. We stand with those who have been affected by violence, racism, and other forms of discrimination.

**Position Description:** As a Nature Education Intern with the CEC, you will be an integral part of creating and implementing place-based environmental education for all ages. We work in schools and natural areas throughout the Corvallis community. This position takes place primarily in a classroom setting, assisting with enrichment activities for an afterschool program held in partnership with Corvallis School District. You will gain a deeper understanding of the natural world and environmental issues while building the leadership, communication, and problem solving skills gained through working with youth. We work with interns to design their experiences around their interests, and are open to remote projects such as lesson planning, direct instruction in the classroom, and assisting with various projects to support our Nature Education programs.

### **Position Responsibilities:**

The Nature Education Interns will work under the supervision of the Nature Programs Coordinator and will be responsible for the following:

- Participate in CEC Internship Orientation
- Assist in the facilitation of an after school enrichment program for elementary aged students within the Corvallis School District.
- Participate in community activities surrounding nature, food, health, and children
- Help educators prepare activities related to nature education.
- OPTIONAL: Earn academic credits– check in with advisor to see if it qualifies for credit
- Support other needs of CEC's educational programming as needed

### **Qualifications:**

- Experience or desire to work with children
- Available at least one day per week during the after school program hours: Monday-Thursday from 2:00pm-5:00pm
- Interest or background in environmental and/or nature-based education
- An ability to pass a criminal background check
- CPR/1st Aid certified or willing to complete training
- Punctual and reliable, organized, and holds a positive attitude!
- Willingness to collaborate as part of a team

**For more information, contact our Operations Coordinator:**

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