

## Early Learning 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 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:** The Corvallis Environmental Center's Avery House Nature Center focuses on early learning through nature-based education. Our summer Caterpillar Camps are for students ages 3- 5. There are 10 weeks of Caterpillar Camp, from June 20th- August 26th. We meet 5 days/ week, 9:30am- 1:30pm.

The Early Learning Internship is for the full 10 weeks, 9:00am- 2:00pm, but interns may choose to attend:

- 2 days/ week (Tue/Thurs)
- 3 days/ week (Mon/Wed/Fri)
- 5 days/ week (Mon-Fri)

Please read more about the summer preschool program on our website:  
<https://www.corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org/summer-preschool-programs>.

Interns will assist in the preschool classroom, prep and clean up snacks, art projects and activities.

They will also help with developing curriculum for our nature education programs. **Position**

**Responsibilities:** Early Learning Interns will work under the supervision of the NaturePlay Coordinator and will be expected to:

- Support staff teachers with classroom management
- Implement age-appropriate activities, and lessons, related to nature education
- Develop and commit to a work plan and schedule
- Support the needs of CEC's educational programming
- Participate in CEC internship orientation

- OPTIONAL: Earn academic credits– check in with advisor to see if it qualifies for credit
- OPTIONAL: Pursue your own project to contribute to the Avery House Nature Center’s educational programing

**Qualifications:**

- Can effectively communicate with a diverse group of people (including with children 3 and up)
- Be creative problem solver in a high energy environment
- Ability to pass a criminal background check
- CPR/1st Aid certified or willingness to complete training
- Interest or background in environmental and/or nature-based education
- Punctual and reliable, organized and a positive attitude!

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

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