



Outdoor Education Internship



Organization Description

Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center is a garden and nutrition education center that uses hands-on cooking, gardening, and science education to teach students and families about nutrition and environmental stewardship. We provide classes, field trips, and community events to children and adults from National City and around San Diego County. Our purpose is to connect children and families to the source of our food and to encourage adventurous and healthy eating.

Internship Description

The purpose of the Outdoor Education Internship is to gain hands-on teaching experience in an urban garden setting. The intern will work with the Schools Coordinator to implement environmental education curriculum for our field trip program as well as assist with projects related to our different programs. Besides the daily responsibilities, the intern will also have the exciting opportunity to use their knowledge and skills to create a long term project that supports Olivewood's Field Trip Program. Internships are unpaid, but class credit is available.

Objectives

The intern will:

- Gain first-hand teaching experience with an environmental education program
- Learn about experiential education techniques in a non-traditional classroom setting; including curriculum development and assessment
- Interact and network with teachers and other staff
- Understand local health concerns and education challenges
- Gain experience working with children and adults of different ages
- Collaborate with the Schools Coordinator in a long-term project that supports Olivewood's Field Trip Programs.

Duties will include:

- Lead interactive lessons while adhering to lesson objectives, incorporating garden features, monitoring student behavior, and working within specific time constraints
- Provide feedback on lesson success and suggestions for improvement
- Develop additional lessons or revise existing lessons
- Assist with or manage on-going projects

Commitment:

The Outdoor Education Intern will work approximately 10-12 hours a week. Interns are asked to commit to one full day of field trips (Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 8:30am to 2pm), with other dates and times flexible. Interns will also be asked to assist with occasional weekend events.

Qualifications:

We are seeking energetic individuals with a keen interest in working with students; fastidious attention to detail; and a vibrant appreciation for the life lessons learned in the garden. The ideal candidate...

- ...is community service minded
- ...has experience working with children
- ...is a good public speaker with strong interpersonal skills
- ...is computer proficient (including Microsoft Office, social media platforms, and Google apps)
- ...is a current college student or recent college graduate
- ...has a demonstrated interest in science or nature
- ...is eager to learn and have fun!

Applicants studying education, environmental science, biology, or ecology are preferred. Spanish language proficiency ideal, but not required.

To Apply:

1. Submit a Volunteer Application (<http://olivewoodgardens.org/get-involved/743-2/>).
2. Please submit a cover letter and resume to Coordinator of Volunteers and Outreach, Cristina Juarez at cristina@olivewoodgardens.org
3. Accepted applicants will be interviewed prior to placement.