

Summer 2020 Education Program Internship

Corvallis Environmental Center Background: The CEC envisions a community in which People Learn, People Care, People Act. In pursuit of this vision, our mission is to educate, engage, and inspire people to create a healthy, sustainable community. We do this through nature-based education, local & healthy food initiatives, and energy conservation programs. The CEC was founded in 1994 as a grassroots effort to take action on environmental issues and today reaches over 15,000 people in Benton County and the surrounding area through its programs and services. CEC educational programming and community events are held at the Avery House Nature Center, Starker Arts Garden for Education (SAGE), in community schools, and outside at various parks and other locations. The CEC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

Position Description: The Corvallis Environmental Center's internships located out at SAGE and Avery House Nature Center offer opportunities to connect youth to the natural world with activity based, hands-on environmental learning. As an Education Programs intern you will assist CEC staff with teaching Farm to School and/or Nature Education programs to small groups of students ages 5-14. These programs will take place both virtually and in-person at our garden (SAGE) and Avery Park. Interns may help the Lead Instructor with teaching lessons, group activities, child management, and lesson planning. Programs take place primarily during school hours, Mon-Fri 9am-3pm, and may range from 1 hour to a full day. Though preference may be given to individuals who are able to participate in-person, fully remote internships may be available.

Position Responsibilities:

The Education Programs Intern will be responsible for the following:

- Participate in CEC internship orientation
- Design and implement age-appropriate activities and lessons, related to nature and garden education
- Help bring more local nature, food, gardens, and agricultural education to our students
- Participate in community activities surrounding nature, food, health, and children
- OPTIONAL: Pursue your own project to contribute to increased awareness among the next generation about our planet
- Support other needs of CEC's educational programming as needed

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience working with children
- Ability to communicate effectively with a diverse group of people, including children as young as 5
- Interest or background in environmental, science, health, or food/agricultural education
- Will be receiving course credit for the internship
- An ability to pass a criminal background check
- CPR/1st Aid certified or willingness to complete training
- Punctual, reliable, communicative, and holding a positive attitude!
- A creative self-starter with the ability to take initiative and problem solve

For more information, contact the Program Director at: Emily@corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org