

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 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 a summer camp intern you will assist CEC staff with teaching summer camps and programs (ages 4-14), explore and investigate nature outdoors – get dirty and have fun discovering Corvallis. We usually have about 50-60 kids each week that we split into three age groups led by an experienced Lead Instructor/naturalist with the help of one intern per group. Interns help the Lead Instructor with child management, group activities, games, art, and snack at AH or local natural areas through hiking, biking, rafting or other adventures and ensure campers are accounted for and safe.

Position Responsibilities:

The Education Programs Intern will be responsible for the following:

- Participate in CEC internship orientation
- Participate in CEC Camps and Programming Summer Training
- Available for the weeks between mid-June and early September
- 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 and/or nature-based education
- An ability to pass a criminal background check
- CPR/1st Aid certified or willingness to complete training
- Punctual and reliable, organized, and holds a positive attitude!
- A creative self-starter with the ability to take initiative and problem solve



116 SW 4th Street
Corvallis, OR 97333
541.753.9211

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