**FARM TO SCHOOL EDUCATION INTERNSHIP**

**Status:** Farm to School Education and Family program Internship

**Site:** On most days we will meet at the Willamette Farm and Food Coalition office at 150 Shelton McMurphy Blvd. Eugene, Oregon. Some days will be in the office, but most days will be out in the field at local schools, farms and farmers market.

**Salary:** Unpaid

**Direct Supervisor:** Molly Bullock, Farm to School Education and Family Outreach Coordinator

**Period of internship:** April – June

**Number of positions:** 2

Please contact Molly, via e mail- molly@lanefood.org for more information or to submit cover letter and resume.

**Purpose of Position:**

Our Farm to School Program is actively educating students about where their food comes from and providing low-income families with exposure and access to locally grown food. Farm to School Program interns assist with educational and family activities including classroom lessons, farm field trips, cooking lessons-with produce students harvest from the farm, family field trips and family outreach events, pre and post tests and tasting tables.

Interns help with all aspects of the Farm to School education program: attending field trips, helping in the classroom, prepping for events, and helping with clean up. Interns help students stay safe and engaged on the farm and in the classroom and provide a positive and compassionate presence for our Farm to School students and families.

**Essential Duties:**

*Educational Activities*

- assisting in teaching garden sessions in school gardens
- assisting with leading farm fieldtrips (harvesting, planting, educational activities)
- keeping students and volunteers safe on fieldtrips and in the classroom
- provide behavior management support to students
- teaching nutrition education to elementary age children as well as helping to administer pre/post evaluations to our students
- assist with school wide tasting tables
- helping students to safely cook in the classroom
- making sure students are engaging with the Farm to School activities
Family Outreach

- assist in leading family fieldtrips to farms and markets
- assist with leading Farm to School outreach tables at parent nights, which includes talking with diverse groups of people about how access to healthful foods in our area using SNAP benefits, providing coupons to local farmers markets, and offering families samples of local fruits and vegetables.
- in some cases help with outreach to Head Start pre-schools
- help to supervise and encourage other volunteers at events

Requirements (Knowledge, Skills and Abilities):

- Proficiency with general office technology (PC, copier, phone)
- Comfort in communicating clearly and with sensitivity to a diverse group of people.
- Ability to engage students in our program material
- Understanding of the value of healthful and local eating
- Proven ability to conduct oneself with professionalism and communicate clearly.
- Attend all events appropriate dressed for the school/farm environment
- Excellent attention to detail
- Ability to keep a schedule and commit to all activities you sign up for
- Ability to handle the physical demands of the position: including helping with farm fieldtrips (walking, standing for several hours at a time) moving at a continuous fast pace while maintaining composure in front of students and school staff for 4 to 5 hours and an ability to lift up to 50 lbs.

Qualities and Experiences Desired, but not required

- Experience/interest in farming/gardening
- Conversational Spanish
- Knowledge of local growing seasons and agriculture.
- Experience working with elementary age children