Nearby Nature
Learnscape Internship 2015

Job Title: Learnscape Intern
Location: Nearby Nature’s Learnscape in Alton Baker Park

Qualifications:
- Love working outdoors in all weather
- Strong work ethic, able to work in a group or independently
- Passion for learning and sharing sustainable living skills

Essential Duties: Nearby Nature’s Learnscape and Edible Schoolyard is organically maintained. Each season has its lessons for the gardener. All Learnscape interns will learn the basics of planning an organic garden including but not limited to soil science and soil building techniques, crop selection and rotation, seeding and transplanting, irrigation methods, perennial and annual crops, pest and weed management, ecological principles, and site design. Interns have the opportunity to network with members of Eugene’s excellent farm and garden community, and are encouraged to explore individual projects related to sustainable living. Interns will also have the opportunity to harvest produce from the Learnscape.

- **Winter: January-March:** Winter interns will mix potting soil, start seedlings, prune fruit trees/berries/grapes/native plants, prepare soil for spring plantings, and perform tool maintenance. Interns will also participate in season extending techniques.

- **Spring: March-June:** Spring interns will plant spring and summer crops, build trellises for summer planting, learn about season extending, and learn about succession planting. Interns will prepare spring salads, and attend events such as seed exchanges, farmer’s markets, etc.

- **Summer: June-September:** Summer interns will help plant, maintain, and harvest the Edible Schoolyard, as well as help with Summer Daycamps. Interns will learn how to irrigate effectively and grow crops for continual harvest. Summer interns will help plant the fall and winter garden.

- **Fall: September-December:** Fall interns will help harvest and store the harvest, trench mulch the garden, save seeds, plant garlic, prepare cloches, plant cover crops, thin the fall-winter gardens, and put the plants to sleep.

Training: Training will happen on site according to the work at hand.

Credit Options: Credit can be arranged through individual professors, the UO Service Learning Program, the UO Career Development Center, the LCC Cooperative Education Program, or other appropriate departments at area colleges.

Internships: Internships will remain open until filled. Send a cover letter, resume, references, and available times to: Attn: Learnscape Internship, Nearby Nature, P.O. Box 3678, Eugene, OR 97403 or info@nearbynature.org.

Questions: Call Nearby Nature at 541-687-9699 or email info@nearbynature.org.