Overview: The School Garden Project (SGP) is a non-profit organization located in Eugene, OR. SGP helps local schools build and maintain vegetable gardens which are used to teach students about gardening, healthy eating, science and local foods. Interns will gain the skills and experience necessary to coordinate the summer care of a school garden. Interns will culminate their experience by organizing and leading a community event that helps to support and/or promote school garden education.

Position Responsibilities: Interns will learn to coordinate the maintenance of one school garden throughout the summer. Interns will spend around 2 hours/week building skills and coordinating with community members to care for a school garden. At least .75 hours of time weekly will be spent one on one with SGP staff to look into volunteer recruitment, group management and creating work plans. The intern will be supported throughout this process but is expected to take the lead on coordinating their work group by late July and facilitating it by August. School garden maintenance will be a vital component of this internship. Once a week all interns will meet with volunteer coordinator for two hours in a school garden. This day will also include a 30-45 minute lesson on garden related subjects after which interns will focus in on the subject while executing garden care and maintenance at the school. This internship will be culminated by creating an educational resource for the school garden community. Interns will work alongside one staff member to create this resource based on experience gained throughout the internship period. Utilizing the knowledge gained through experience interns will be assigned one focus area of a successful summer garden plan, do research, and create a physical manual which will be made available as a resource for schools within the Lane County community.

Anticipated hours/week: 6

Duration: June 22nd – August 28th

Qualifications: We are looking for interns who are self starters, able to communicate effectively with community partners, well organized and able to work as part of a team. Some prior knowledge of basic gardening skills and experience would be helpful but not necessary.

Application: Please send resume and cover letter to Elizabeth@schoolgardenproject.org.

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