School Garden Project of Lane County
Position: Youth and Agriculture Intern
Location: Eugene, OR
Department(s): ENVS, PPPM

Overview: The Youth and Agriculture intern(s) will be working with School Garden Project as well as the Springfield Public Schools Youth Transition Program to develop the skills necessary to plan and plant a productive school garden. Intern(s) will culminate their internship by planning and planting a fall/winter garden at a local school. Intern(s) will also be work with SGP staff to develop and implement a presentation which focuses on fall and winter gardening, planting, and care.

Position Responsibilities Interns will spend 6 hours per week helping to assist special needs transitional youth (ages 16-21) through agriculture related tasks at the Youth Transition Program. This can include greenhouse work, planting, harvesting, preparing for market and selling at the SPROUT market in Springfield. Intern(s) must be able to communicate effectively with diverse youth and take a leadership role in an educational setting. SGP and YTP staff will work directly with Intern(s) to provide support and training in all above areas. A large component of this internship will be spent doing garden mapping and planning. Intern(s) will be spending around 2-4 hours/week learning to use Google SketchUp to create digital garden plans for 5-8 school gardens in Lane County. These maps will then be used to create detailed garden plans for fall and winter planting based on experience gained at the YTP program. Intern(s) will be asked to choose one garden site from their designs, plan the garden and then plant it for educational use by students during the fall and winter seasons. 2-4 hours of the week will be spent doing garden support for School Garden Project program schools. Once a week all interns will meet with volunteer coordinator for two hours in a school garden. During this time we will go through check-ins with one another, sharing about individual sites and projects. 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.

Anticipated hours/week: 12

Duration: June 22nd – August 28th

Qualifications: Interns should be dependable, flexible and able to work independently as well with a team of peers. Experience working with youth in a professional capacity and/or some basic gardening knowledge would be helpful but not necessary. Basic computer skills required.

Application: Please send resume and a letter describing your interest in this internship to Elizabeth@schoolgardenproject.org.

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