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Youth Farm Internship Position

Position: Youth Farm Intern

Responsible To Ted Purdy, Youth Farm Coordinator

Length of Internship: 8-20 hours/week, very flexible, all terms

The FOOD for Lane County (FFLC) Youth Farm is an innovative program that addresses the root causes of hunger and malnutrition by promoting access to fresh produce and gardening and farming skills. Youth, volunteers, and adult interns work with staff to grow food for FOOD for Lane County, our CSAs and our markets. Adult interns participate in all activities at the farm, and receive training in horticulture, food systems, and taking on a leadership role.

Several interns are welcome summer term for activities at the farm, and one intern for coordinating outreach and volunteer recognition.

Internship Education

The interns will receive education and training in composting, soil science and fertilization, propagation, orchard management, crop rotation and farm mapping, greenhouse construction and management, irrigation, cultivation and weed management, pest management and food access. Other farm related subjects will be presented depending on interns' interests. The educational program will consist of lectures, hand-outs, literature review and mostly hands-on learning. Interns will also learn how to lead groups of all ages in the field.

Internship Tasks:

- Participating in all maintenance tasks on the farm: seeding, watering, planting, harvesting, weeding, field amending
- Working with adult volunteers and groups on garden maintenance and special projects
- Assisting with farm stands, including set-up, sales and marketing

Skills Gained:

Interns will gain skills and experience in small scale agriculture, working with youth, marketing produce, leading volunteers and community building. Interns may specialize, as their skills and interests become apparent.

Desired Qualifications:

- Experience or interest in organic farming/gardening and outdoor work
- Interest or experience in working with youth and community members
- Good social skills
- Organized and reliable

To apply: Submit a letter detailing your interests and availability, a resume and one reference to Jen Anonia at gardens@foodforlanecounty.org, FOOD for Lane County, 770 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene, OR 97402. 541-343-2822, x314.



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