

Youth Garden Project
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YOUTH PROGRAMS INSTRUCTOR
SPRING & SUMMER SESSION

Internship Dates: February 28th, 2018 —August 17th, 2018

Number of Positions: 2

Minimum Age Requirement: 21

Application Deadline: open until filled

Internship Description:

The Youth Garden Project (YGP) is a non-profit organization in Moab, UT with the mission of cultivating healthy children, families, and community through educational programs and the profound act of connecting people with food from seed to table.

We are looking for an individual that is interested in working as an educator in a hands-on, outdoor setting within a variety of educational programs. In the spring, we have an After-School Program, Garden Classroom Field Trips, 8th grade Environmental Science Elective class that visits weekly, and a weeklong Spring Break Camp—all of which will be taught primarily by two interns with aid from the Program Manager. During the summer, four interns facilitate our nine week Summer Camp designing and implementing the lesson plans for this program.

Internship Details:

SPRING

- Plan and lead activities for the After-School Program
- Develop and facilitate garden-based activities for Spring Break Camp
- Teach Garden Classroom Field Trips for grades Pre.K-6 using YGP's curriculum. During a Garden Classroom, each intern will teach approximately 12 students (half of a class) for 90 minutes.
- Co-facilitate any other field trips (Middle/High School Classes, etc.) either with another intern or the Program Manager
- Interns may also have the opportunity to build on pre-existing curriculum or develop new curriculum

SUMMER

- Four interns will work as a cohesive team to run the nine week Summer Camp program
- Interns will receive an in-depth training prior to leading the Summer Camp program; including behavior management techniques, discipline policies, and more
- All interns will plan, organize, and lead the Summer Camp program with guidance and support from the Program Manager. Daily Summer Camp responsibilities include, but are not limited to: ensure overall smoothness of the Summer Camp day including safety of campers; enforce YGP discipline policies with campers; prepare materials for activities and snacks; manage groups of children while building relationships/rapport with them; teach two-three 45 minute activities per day with co-instructors; encourage campers to learn, have fun, and connect with the garden; communicate with parents/guardians regarding campers' behavior, etc.
- Each intern will play a role in the instruction and development of Summer Camp weeks. This includes, but is not limited to: creating experiential, fun, and educational activities related to each Summer Camp theme; submitting detailed lesson plans beforehand—planning time will be provided in the spring; sharing and coaching co-instructors in regards to your activities; providing positive and constructive feedback to co-workers

OTHER

- Interns should expect to work 35 hours per week on average during the spring (schedule varies) and 45 hours per week on average during the summer (M-F, 8am-5pm)
- Interns should expect to be outside the majority of the day
- YGP is involved in a series of local community events and fundraisers that interns may be required to work or attend
- Interns will be certified in CPR and First Aid; certification opportunity will be provided if applicant is not already certified
- Interns are expected to be a positive and enthusiastic team member throughout the duration of the internship

Educational Opportunities:

- Gain experience teaching elementary-aged students
- Build your teaching skill set by leading hands-on science lessons
- Learn about how a garden can be used as a teaching tool
- Make relationships with students, teachers, summer campers, and families
- Write and implement creative lessons and activities
- Have opportunities to connect children with gardens, food, and community
- Community event/workshop involvement
- And more!

Skills Desired: *applicants must be 21 or older.*

Interns must be responsible and reliable; work well independently *and* in a team setting; show enthusiasm, and have an interest in experiential education. Intern should be a problem solver who is flexible and able to improvise. Intern must have an open mind and willingness to be involved with the Youth Garden Project beyond its programs and work either in the garden or at special events.

Compensation:

- Each intern will receive a stipend of \$400/month. First and last month's stipend will be pro-rated based on days worked.
- YGP will provide housing. Rooms will be shared with 1-2 roommates. Interns may move in the weekend before the internship begins, and move out by the Monday following the close of the internship. Any extended stay beyond these times must be approved by the Associate Director.
- Interns will be provided with a small space at the house to garden for supplemental food supply and learning experience. YGP will provide seeds, plant starts, tools, irrigation, etc.
- When YGP is in peak harvest season, the intern household will receive a box of produce each week.
- Access to a variety of pro-deals through YGP

TO APPLY:

Please e-mail a brief cover letter and an attached resume with three professional references to Program Manager, Julie Zender, at julie@youthgardenproject.org

