

## **Garden & Nutrition Education Intern**

**Corvallis Environmental Center Background:** The Corvallis Environmental Center (CEC) is a community-based, educational non-profit that has prioritized partnerships to implement programs to address community needs since 1994. CEC's mission is to create a healthy, sustainable community. We do this through pre-K through 8th environmental education, Farm to School programs, youth leadership development, teacher training, and food security. We work in Corvallis, Oregon and surrounding rural communities. CEC's programs include after school programs, summer camps, a nature-based preschool in Avery Park, classroom education in partnership with the Corvallis, Albany, and Philomath School Districts, family programs and events, and a 1-acre demonstration and education garden in Starker Arts Park known as SAGE. The Corvallis Environmental Center is committed to being an inclusive organization and fully supports those demanding reform and justice. We stand with those who have been affected by violence, racism and other forms of discrimination.

**Position Description:** The Corvallis Farm to School program makes connections between our food system and our school system. Our program increases the use of local foods in our schools, encourages children to make healthy eating choices and supports regional farmers. As an intern, you will gain hands-on experience in food, nutrition, and agricultural education, get to work with community volunteers, and assist with promoting local foods for our school district. We provide a wide range of programs, and work with interns to design their experience around their interests.

**Position Responsibilities:** The Garden & Nutrition Interns will work under the supervision of the Community Food Systems Manager and will participate in Farm to School program activities.. Responsibilities include the following, although not all activities occur each term:

- Participate in CEC Internship Orientation
- Assist with Classroom Food Adventures
- Assist with School garden lessons
- Lead activities during Farm Field Trips at SAGE
- Design and implement age-appropriate activities and lessons related to the promotion of local food
- Learn about the national Farm to School movement while working at the local level to connect local farms with our school district
- Help bring more local food, gardens, and food/agricultural education to the students in the Corvallis School District
- Participate in community activities surrounding food, health, and children
- Pursue your own project to contribute to the Corvallis Farm to School movement
- OPTIONAL: Earn academic credits– check in with advisor to see if it qualifies for credit

**Qualifications:**

- Interest in local, sustainable, and seasonal food
- Interest in food, cooking, agricultural, and garden education
- Experience working with children
- Ability to communicate effectively with a diversity of people
- Punctual and reliable
- A self-starter: ability to take initiative
- A positive attitude!

**For more information, contact the Community Food Systems Manager at:**  
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