



*Inspiring a culture of land stewardship and nature connection.*

**Vesper Meadow Education Program est. 2018**, strengthens local networks through community engagement in science, restoration, native food cultivation, and nature-inspired art. We are a Program housed within *The Understory Initiative 501c3*, who works to increase regional capacity for native ecosystem restoration. Vesper Meadow works with a diverse community network - including youth, artists, local volunteers, tribal members, small businesses, other non-profits, and scientists – and we are committed to increasing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion of Indigenous and other traditionally underrepresented peoples in all aspects of our work.

**The Vesper Meadow Restoration Preserve** is our program outpost, a scenic 323-acre upland wet meadow surrounded by mixed conifer forest, located just 30 minutes from downtown Ashland. This restoration demonstration site prioritizes management for rare species, native plant community, watershed health, biodiversity, and reviving the human-land relationship.

See more at [VesperMeadow.org](http://VesperMeadow.org), on Facebook and Instagram @vesper\_meadow

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## **2021 Stewardship and Education Program Intern**

mid April – mid August, 4-6 hours per week with flexible hours

**Description:** This position will support long-term biological monitoring related directly to on-site restoration efforts, ecological restoration efforts, and education program development. Further opportunities for gaining experience with biological research and non-profit management are available depending on candidate's experience and interest. Position duties include:

- Collect and manage data for Vesper Meadow's established biological monitoring projects: Riparian photo point monitoring, Pollard Walk butterfly diversity sampling, Bumble Bee Blitz, wildlife camera trapping, Vesper Sparrow surveys
- Utilize Vesper Meadow's established projects on community science platforms iNaturalist and eBird
- Engage volunteers in restoration work parties on site 3 - 4 times throughout May-July
- Support educational materials development.
- Create educational content for social media and blog.

**Our ideal candidate** is interested in conservation studies, ecological restoration, education, and community engagement. Priority will be given to candidates that are familiar with Microsoft Word and Excel or equivalent programs, good written and verbal communication skills, are flexible to work both independently from home and together with others at our field site, and can effectively synthesize information into engaging educational materials. Intern must be available to work on some weekend events, but most hours are flexible. Position may include walking on uneven ground, bending, lifting and carrying up to 30lb, carrying a backpack.

### **Mentors:**

Program Director: Jeanine Moy, MS Environmental Education, will provide general oversight, community networking opportunities, local biology and land management information.

Program Coordinator: Brian Geier, BS Sustainable Agriculture, will provide programmatic guidance, restoration and native plant cultivation information.

**Applications:** Please submit cover letter and resume to [jeanine@vespermeadow.org](mailto:jeanine@vespermeadow.org) by April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.

**Stipend:** \$400 stipend is available upon completion of internship.