

Summer Camp 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 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: As a Summer Camp Education Intern, you will witness the wonder and excitement that occurs when children grow and become empowered through outdoor education. Work with experienced educators to support children through fun, hands-on, and creative activities that will inspire the next generation of changemakers. You will gain a deeper understanding of the natural world and environmental issues while building the leadership, communication, and problem solving skills gained through working with youth.

Summer Camp Education Internships are located in natural areas throughout Corvallis. Our camp serves 50-60 elementary-aged children each week that are split into three groups, led by a pair of educators. Each intern will be assigned to assist with a specific group. Camp activities include hiking through natural areas, exploring Corvallis by bike, growing and harvesting in SAGE garden, floating in the Mary's River, and other outdoor adventures. Our summer camp runs for 10 weeks from June 24th through August 30th. Camp activities run 9am-3pm Monday-Friday with an optional aftercare 3-5pm offered during some weeks. Create a schedule that works for you, with a minimum commitment of 1 week of 30 hours/week, or join us for the whole summer!

Our summer camp staff celebrates diversity and works towards creating an inclusive environment that is environmentally and socially sustainable. Work in a team where your growth will be supported and your unique talents will be recognized. You will have the opportunity to collaborate with a team of passionate individuals who are dedicated to making a difference in our community.

Position Responsibilities: Summer Camp Education Interns will work under the supervision of the Summer Camp Coordinator and will be expected to:

- Support staff educators with management of small camp groups (10-20).
- Help educators prepare and facilitate activities related to nature education.
- Encourage campers to engage in new experiences, supporting their independence and personal growth.
- Model positive behavior and attentively respond to campers needs.
- Communicate concerns, questions, and ideas with summer camp staff.
- Commit to a work plan and schedule.
- Participate in CEC internship orientation.
- **OPTIONAL:** Earn academic credits– check in with advisor to see if it qualifies for credit

Qualifications:

- Can effectively communicate with a diverse group of people (experience with children is a plus!)
- Be a creative problem solver in a high energy environment
- Ability to pass a criminal background check
- CPR/1st Aid certified or willingness to complete training
- Interest or background in environmental and/or nature-based educational programs
- Punctual and reliable, organized and a positive attitude!

For more information, contact our Summer Camp Coordinator:
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