

FALL 2024

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION & GARDEN SUPPORT WORK STUDY POSITION

Reports to: Education Director

Status: .25 - .375 FTE, Hourly (10 - 15 hours/week)

Start Date: ASAP

Compensation: This position is funded through Federal Work Study and/or a State of Oregon financial aid pilot program.

Schedule: Must be available one day per week, Tuesday through Friday between Oct 1 and Nov 29 with preference given to those available on Fridays.

Mission

The Sauvie Island Center is a land-based nonprofit that educates youth and the whole community about food, farming and the land and prioritizes service to low-income communities. Our hands-on curriculum is designed to educate elementary school students about the science behind how food is grown and the impact that humans have on our natural world. We cultivate equity, food justice, and environmental stewardship with our words, intentions and actions.

Farm Educator and Garden Support Position

The Farm Educator and Gardening Position will lead field trips for small groups of students, teaching science principles in an outdoor, experiential setting. Additionally, the coordinator will help to maintain our teaching garden.

Duties & Responsibilities

- Work collaboratively with the Education Director to host farm-based field trips for elementary-age youth.
- Mentor and support volunteer gardeners and educators on the farm including PSU Capstone students.
- Provide support for the teaching garden including: weeding, planting, watering, etc.

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Tax ID #: 20-2808129

Qualifications

- PSU students who are eligible for work-study.
- Previous experience working with youth and/or environmental education
- Self-directed and able to complete projects independently and without supervision
- Commitment to inclusion and equity in all aspects of employment
- Demonstrated commitment to teaching children, environmental education, and sustainable agriculture.
- Strong communication skills, and ability to communicate effectively with people of diverse backgrounds and ages.
- Strong organizational and time management skills.
- The ability to work outdoors in a farm setting, lift up to 50 pounds, dig, and use hand tools. · First Aid / CPR certification or ability to become certified.
- Must pass a criminal background check.
- Must be at least 18 years of age.

Desired Qualifications

- Comfortable in field-based settings
- Background in environmental and/or youth education
- Enjoys gardening, has some knowledge of basic gardening principles

To apply please submit a cover letter, resume and three references to the Executive Director [Joanne Lazo](#) and copy Education Director Susan Eisman, Susan@sauvieislandcenter.org. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. The deadline for submission is 9/13 and preference will be given to those who apply early.

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