

# Summer Garden Guide

**Location:** Washington Park Arboretum, Seattle



**Camp Overview:** Our day-camp curricula are designed to promote environmental conservation through education and recreation. To achieve this we focus on hands-on exploration, play and the concept of “learning by doing”. Depending on the weekly theme, campers may explore ethnobotany, growing food, art, survival skills, and a variety of sciences from looking at insects to studying phenology. We want to develop a nature connection in our campers through fun, educational experiences in and about nature.

**Job Description:** Lead and teach environmental education programs with 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders, integrating science, team building, art, camp theme and play.

**Dates:** June 15 – August 28

**Schedule:** Training: June 15-19, 9am-3pm. Camp sessions: June 22-26, June 29-July 2, July 6-10, July 13-17, July 20-24, July 27-31, August 3-7, August 10-14, August 17-21, and August 24-28. M-F, 8am-3:30pm (camp runs 9am-3pm). Additional hours available for summer camp clean-up August 31-September 4.

**General Duties:** Plan, prepare, and teach appropriate lessons, activities, games and experiences for the age group and weekly theme. Utilize the Arboretum and surrounding resources to create fun and dynamic educational experiences for campers. You will be responsible for a group of up to 12 campers (grouped by age) and one high school assistant.

## Essential Tasks:

- Prepare and teach thematic and age-appropriate experiences using your own bag-o-tricks and our curriculum guide
- Collaborate with and mentor a high school junior garden guide
- Maintain and ensure safety of children and environment at all times
- Collaborate and communicate effectively with families, campers, and Arboretum staff
- Foster a fun and educational atmosphere

## Requirements:

At least 2 years of experience leading outdoor education programs for diverse audiences or equivalent education. Must be 18 years or older. Have excellent organizational skills, the ability to work as a team member, and strong interpersonal skills. Be punctual, responsible and able to work outdoors in all types of weather. Must be willing to work with and mentor a high school junior guide. CPR and First Aid certification or willingness to obtain. Must pass a criminal background check.

**Desirable:**

Bachelor's Degree or formal training in environmental education, ecology, botany, horticulture, biology, or related areas. Experience working with 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students outside of a classroom. Specific experience with 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> graders is a plus. A knowledge of environmental activities, lessons, games, projects and stories to bring to the position. Willingness to give feedback in order to help us grow.

**Salary:** \$15.04 / hour

**Department Contact:**

Send questions, resume and cover letter to:

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We will review applications in late February and conduct interviews until all positions are filled.