Summer Garden Guide

Location: Washington Park Arboretum

Camp Overview: Our day-camp curriculums are designed in support of our mission: 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 1st-6th graders integrating science, team building, art, camp theme and play.

Dates: June 23 – August 22

Schedule: Training: June 23-27, 9am-3pm. Camp sessions: June 20-July 3, July 7-11, July 14-18, July 21-25, July 28-August 1, August 4-8, August 11-15 and August 18-22. M-F, 8am-3:30pm (camp runs 9am-3pm).

General Duties: Plan and prepare 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 a high school assistant.

Essential Tasks:

- Prepare 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 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 college and at least one year of experience leading outdoor education programs for diverse audiences. 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.

Desirable:
Bachelor’s Degree or formal training in environmental education, ecology, botany, horticulture, biology, or related areas. Experience working with 1st-6th grade students outside of a classroom.
Specific experience with 1st-3rd 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:** $14.13 / 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.