Organization Description
Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center's historic 7.85-acre property in National City, California serves as an interactive, indoor-outdoor classroom for children and adults from around San Diego County. Our purpose is to build healthy families and a healthy environment. We do this through science-based environmental education and nutrition lessons, hands-on gardening and cooking classes, and job skills and leadership development programs for youth, adults, and families.

To Apply
Email your resume and cover letter to Sarah Suarez, Volunteer Coordinator at sarah@olivewoodgardens.org.

Garden Support Internship

Internship Description
Olivewood's Garden Support Internship is an opportunity to learn about organic gardening techniques as well as gain insight into the operations of a garden-based education program. The intern will work with the Director of Gardens and Facilities Manager and Garden Support Staff to assist with garden maintenance; including weeding, watering, harvesting, composting, and more. As an organization rooted in community, this role requires active participation in anti-racist work and a commitment to diversity and inclusion. Internships are unpaid, however class credit is available.

Commitment
The Garden Support Intern will commit to approximately 10 to 12 hours per week for a total of 120 hours.

Internship Goals
- Practice gardening skills guided by a team of expert gardeners with experience in the areas of organics, nutrient cycling, companion planting, natural pest control, composting, and more
- Experience first-hand the daily operations of a nonprofit garden education center; including growing for a farm-to-table program and planning the garden to accommodate children and adult activities
- Understand local health concerns and education challenges

Duties
- Oversee and maintain an assigned garden area
- Assist with additional garden tasks outside of assigned area, to include watering, weeding, building compost, digging and clearing beds, planting, harvesting, and more

Qualifications
We are seeking individuals with an interest in working with people, attention to detail, and an appreciation for the garden. The ideal candidate...
- Is community service minded
- Enjoys working outside
- Is a good communicator and takes direction well
- Can think critically and problem solve
- Is eager to learn and have fun!

This position is open to all majors. Spanish language proficiency is ideal, but not required.