

Outdoor Education Internship



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 mission is to inspire youth and adults to be healthy and active citizens through organic gardening, environmental stewardship, and nutrition education. 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

Internship Description

Olivewood's Outdoor Education Internship provides the chance to gain first-hand teaching experience in an urban garden setting. The intern will spend their time working closely with our Environmental Education Specialist and our Adult and Teen Program Specialist to deliver garden and science lessons within our youth programs. 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 Outdoor Education Intern will commit to approximately 10 to 12 hours per week for a total of 120 hours. Our field trips occur on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday during school hours. Our teen programs occur on Tuesday or Friday afternoons.

Internship Goals

- Gain first-hand teaching experience with an environmental education program
- Learn about experiential education techniques in a non-traditional classroom setting
- Collaborate with the Olivewood team in projects that support Olivewood's youth programs
- Understand local community health concerns and education challenges

Duties

- Co-facilitate garden and science lessons for youth while adhering to lesson objectives, incorporating garden features, monitoring student behavior, and working within specific time constraints
- Provide feedback on lesson successes and suggestions for improvement

Qualifications

We are seeking individuals with an interest in working with youth, attention to detail, and have an appreciation for the garden and science lessons taught in the garden. The ideal candidate...

- Has experience working with children
- Is a good public speaker with strong interpersonal skills
- Has a demonstrated interest in science or nature
- Is a current university or recent university or graduate
- Is eager to make cross-cultural connections
- Is eager to learn and have fun!

Applicants studying education, child and family development, environmental science, sustainability, biology, or ecology are preferred. Spanish language proficiency is ideal, but not required.

