



Job Description – Urban Agriculture Apprenticeship

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Location: National City, CA

Schedule: Part-time, temporary, up to 10 hours per week for 10 weeks

Reports to: Garden and Facilities Director

Compensation: \$17 per hour

Classification: Part-time, Non-exempt, Temporary

Scope of Work

Olivewood's Sustainable Agriculture Apprenticeship 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. The hourly rate is \$17/hour.

Garden and Grounds Maintenance 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

- The Ideal Candidate: Is community service minded, Enjoys working outside, Is a good communicator and takes direction well, Can think critically and problem solve, Has an appreciation for the garden and our mission, and Is eager to learn and have fun!
- Previous experience in gardening or working in an outdoor setting is preferred
- Spanish language proficiency is preferred



Physical Demands:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to perform successfully the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Work is performed in an outdoor setting with a moderate noise level;
- The employee must regularly lift and /or move up to 50 pounds and perform strenuous outdoor tasks related to garden maintenance
- Specific vision abilities required by this job include Close vision, Distance vision and Peripheral vision.
- While performing the duties of this Job, the employee is regularly required to:
 - stand the whole day;
 - walk;
 - use hands to finger, handle, or feel; reach with hands and arms;
 - climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl;
 - talk or hear and taste or smell.

About Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center: The mission of Olivewood Gardens is to connect and inspire youth and adults to be healthy and active citizens through organic gardening, environmental stewardship, and nutrition education. Once the home of the Walton family, the organic gardens on the property have been cultivated for over 20 years, providing organic produce for the community. Now the site of our nutrition and garden education center, Olivewood champions health equity and food justice through education, access, and advocacy. The unique 8-acre property is located in National City.

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