

Youth Garden Project
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YOUTH PROGRAMS INSTRUCTOR
SUMMER + FALL SESSION

Internship Dates: May 18th - November 12th, 2021

Internship Description:

The Youth Garden Project (YGP) is a non-profit organization located in the breathtaking red rock scenery of Moab, UT. Our mission is to *cultivate healthy children, families, and community through educational programs and the profound act of connecting people with food from seed to table*. We are looking for individuals interested in working as an educator in a hands-on, outdoor setting within a variety of educational programs. In the summer, four interns facilitate our nine-week Summer Camp designing and implementing the activity plans for camps. During the fall, we lead two After-School Clubs, teach 90-minute Garden Classroom Field Trips, and provide a Fall Break Camp - all of which will be taught primarily by two instructors with aid from the Youth Programs Director.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

SUMMER

- Four interns will work as a cohesive team to run our nine-week Summer Camp program.
- Interns will receive an in-depth training prior to leading camp; including behavior management techniques, discipline policies, and more.
- All interns will plan, organize, and lead Summer Camp with guidance and support from the Youth Programs Director. Daily Summer Camp responsibilities include, but are not limited to:
 - Ensure overall smoothness of the Summer Camp day including safety of campers
 - Enforce YGP discipline policies with campers
 - Prepare materials for activities and snacks
 - Manage groups of children while building relationships/rapport with them
 - Teach two-three 45 minute activities per day with co-instructors
 - Encourage campers to learn, have fun, and connect with the garden
 - Communicate with parents/guardians regarding campers' behavior
- Each intern will play a role in the instruction and development of Summer Camp weeks. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - Creating experiential, fun, and educational activities related to each Summer Camp theme
 - Submitting detailed activity plans for review
 - Sharing and coaching co-instructors in regards to your activities
 - Providing positive and constructive feedback to co-workers

FALL

- Interns plan and lead garden-based activities for two After-School Clubs.
- Interns will receive Garden Classroom training and be given time to prepare for teaching, ask questions, and review any details with the Youth Programs Director.
- Interns will teach grades Pre.K-6 in the garden using YGP's curriculum; each lesson plan correlates with Utah Core Standards. During a Garden Classroom, each intern will teach approximately 12 students (half of a class) for 90 minutes.
- Interns will co-facilitate any other field trips or workshops (Middle/High School Classes, etc.) as needed.

- Interns may have the opportunity to build on pre-existing curriculum; develop new curriculum; or be involved with further program expansions that YGP is piloting.

Other Expectations:

- Interns should expect to work 45 hours per week on average during the summer (M-F, 8am-5pm) and 35 hours per week on average during the fall. The fall schedule varies on a day to day basis.
- Interns should expect to be outside the majority of the day.
- YGP is involved in a series of local community events and fundraisers that interns may be required to work or attend beyond normal work hours.
- Interns will be certified in CPR and First Aid; certification opportunity will be provided if applicant is not already certified.
- Interns are expected to be a positive and enthusiastic team member throughout the duration of the internship.

Educational Opportunities:

- Gain experience teaching elementary-aged students
- Build your teaching skill set by leading hands-on science lessons
- Learn about how a garden can be used as a teaching tool
- Make relationships with students, teachers, summer campers, & families
- Write and implement creative lessons & activities
- Have opportunities to connect children with gardens, food, and community
- Community event/workshop involvement
- And so much more!

Desired Skills: applicants must be 21 or older.

- Responsible and reliable
- Works well independently and in a team setting
- Demonstrates a strong work ethic, while also maintaining enthusiasm
- Interest in experiential education
- Problem solver who is flexible and able to improvise
- Has an open mind and willingness to be involved with YGP beyond its youth programs working either hands-on in the garden or at special events.

Compensation:

- Each intern will receive a stipend of \$500/month. First and last month's stipend will be prorated based on days worked. Interns are allotted 3 days of paid vacation.
- YGP will provide free in-town housing which includes a washer/dryer, furniture, beds, and kitchen utensils.
- The intern household will receive a weekly CSA share and farm fresh eggs (on a rotating basis).

To Apply:

Please e-mail a brief cover letter and an attached resume with three professional references to Youth Programs Director, Julie Zender, at julie@youthgardenproject.org

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