YOUTH PROGRAMS INSTRUCTOR
(full-time or part-time opportunity)

Dates: August 22nd — October 31st, 2023 (flexible based on applicant’s schedule)
Compensation: $15-17/hour DOE
Location: 530 S 400 E. Moab, UT 84532
Phone: 435-259-2326

Description:
The Youth Garden Project (YGP) is a non-profit organization located in the beautiful red rock country of Moab, UT. Our mission is to “cultivate healthy children, families, and community through educational programs and connecting people with food from seed to table.” The garden is located on 1.5 acres adjacent to the high school and Mill creek, includes two outdoor classroom spaces, a chicken coop, a historic building which serves as our office, a commercial kitchen, a rabbit enclosure, two greenhouses, over 80 garden beds, and a fruit tree orchard.

We are looking for an individual interested in working as an educator in a hands-on, outdoor setting within a variety of our elementary and teen educational programs. In fall, we host two after-school programs and lead Garden Classroom field trips for elementary aged students. We also lead various middle school and high school class workshops, and high school Career & Technical Education (CTE) internships.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities (75%):
- Plan and lead activities for two after-school programs.
- Teach Garden Classroom Field Trips for all Grand County students (Preschool-6th grades) using YGP’s curriculum.

Additional Program Support (20%):
- Facilitate middle and high school workshops or class visits.
- Assist in the garden with our CTE interns.
- Assist with our once a month Harvest of the Month garden-to-school nutrition education program during school lunches.
- YGP is involved in a series of local community events and fundraisers that instructors may be required to work during evenings or weekends (Weed & Feeds, Garden Dinners, Harvest Fest, farm chores, etc.)
- Assist the farm team with gardening tasks.

Other Responsibilities (5%):
- Build relationships with the schools and teachers in addition to families of program attendees
- Develop & administer program evaluations and interpret data with Youth Programs Director
- Track numbers and compile other data for reporting & grant writing purposes

Additional Expectations:
- Instructors must be at least 18 at the start of the season.
- Applicants must submit to and pass a criminal background check upon hire.
- Instructors should expect to be outside the majority of the day, in all-weather types.
- Utilize Positive Youth Development and restorative principles when engaging with students
- Instructors should be a positive and enthusiastic team member.
Professional Development Opportunities:
• Gain experience teaching elementary-aged students • Build your teaching skill set by leading hands-on science & nutrition lessons • Learn how to use a garden as a teaching tool • Build relationships with students, teachers, & families • Write and implement creative lessons & activities • Have opportunities to connect children with gardens, food, & community • Learn about the nonprofit sector, especially about YPG as a nonprofit farm and educational space • And more!

Desired Skills:
• Responsible and reliable, with strengths in time management and organization
• Works well independently and in a team setting with an ability to communicate positively and effectively with staff and community members
• Demonstrates a strong work ethic and enthusiasm for the YGP mission
• Experience working directly with youth, an interest in experiential education, and a desire to work with children
• Problem solver who is flexible and able to improvise
• Hands-on agricultural/gardening experience and general knowledge preferred
• Current First Aid and CPR certification preferred

Compensation & Other Benefits:
• $15-17/hour, DOE
• up to 35 hours per week, but schedule is flexible to accommodate applicants needs (part-time or full-time)
• Up to $100 reimbursed for relocation expenses (receipts required)
• Fall instructors are allotted 1 day of paid vacation and 2 paid sick days.
• Occasional access to farm fresh produce as part of our staff CSA share and through produce discounts.

To Apply:
Please e-mail a brief cover letter and an attached resume with 1-3 references (that can speak to your experience working with kids or other job duties) to Youth Programs Director, Erin Vick, at erin.v@youthgardenproject.org. Application is open until filled.