



## **2023 Internship Program** **Environmental Education**

**31239 Lanes Turn Road, Coburg, OR 97408**

**Job Description:** 2023 Environmental Education Internship

*2 Seasons Available in 2023: Summer and Fall (up to 11 weeks each season)*

- Summer Season: June 21st to September 6th
- Fall Season: September 6th to November 22nd

**Reports to:** PLG Education Program Manager

**Job Status:** Seasonal Intern

**Compensation:** \$850 stipend per season (may qualify for academic credit)

**Location:** Coburg, OR

**How to apply:** <https://parkerlearninggardens.org/internships/>

**Application Form:** <https://forms.gle/HXgUDSZjd44VYZv58>

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Parker Learning Gardens' mission is to enrich the community by providing a model for designing and growing accessible learning environments to demonstrate how plants produce food, clean water, habitat, fiber, and climate stability for all the Earth's creatures, large and small. Our current educational programming includes: Community Classes, Community Workshops, Children's Garden Club (Ages 5 - 11), Youth Discovery Project (Ages 13-17), Mom and Me Garden Club, School Field Trips and Tours. With 12 themed Demonstration Gardens, a 500-Fruit-Tree Orchard, a 5-acre Old-Growth Hazelnut Orchard, a 3-acre Bamboo Forest, Living Willow Structures, Pigs, Chickens and more, we have a multitude of immersive natural outdoor classrooms for observation and instruction.

Our programming focuses on environmental stewardship, growing nutritious food, respecting diversity, and creative self-expression to nurture a happy, healthy and well-balanced life. Environmental Education Interns help teach a wide variety of engaging hands-on activities about organic gardening practices, the garden as a source of food, the importance of pollinators, building healthy soil by exploring our composting and biochar systems, stewarding land with pigs and chickens, fruit and nut orchard stewardship, and much more. Interns are given responsibility to teach independently as well as with a team, gaining valuable experience for future teaching in Environmental Education.

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*Parker Learning Gardens cultivates community through farm- and garden-based experiential education. Our programs empower people of all ages, income levels, and abilities by connecting them with their local food system, each other, and the environment.*

*Environmental Educators spend much of their time directly teaching in our Youth Discovery Project, Children's Garden Club program, Community Classes, Community Workshops, educational tours and field trips.*

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### **Environmental Education Intern Duties:**

- Teach one or more of the following topics to school age groups and community participants: plant life cycles, planting and garden care, insects, pollination, composting, soil food web, harvesting, nutrition, biodiversity, community and more.
- Lead Educational Field Trips and Tours around Parker Learning Gardens independently and with a co-teacher, with support and feedback from the Education staff.
- Assist with the Youth Discovery Project, Children's Garden Club, and events.
- Attend intern orientation and training.
- Act as a responsible, positive role model for all youth participants.
- Assist Program Manager and other Education staff with administration tasks.
- Come prepared to work in the weather, bring your own food and a water bottle.
- Provide your own transportation.

### **Knowledge and Skills the Intern Will Develop:**

- Teaching in a farm-based environment including effective teaching techniques, group management strategies, and developmentally-appropriate teaching/learning.
- Strong background knowledge in the following topics: plant life cycles, planting and garden care, insects, pollination, composting, soil food web, harvesting, nutrition, biodiversity, community, and life cycles.
- Effective communication strategies.
- Working effectively in a dynamic team environment.
- Evaluating programs through formal processes.

### **Structure of Internship:**

- Internship duration is up to 11 weeks.
- Total stipend amount is \$850, half paid at week 6, half paid at the end of the internship.
- Intern will attend the internship orientation meeting.
- Intern position is 12 hours per week. Note: hours may vary between weeks. The most effective schedule for both intern and Parker Learning Gardens is: 3 hours on Tuesdays from 3:30 - 6:30 (for Youth Discovery Project), 3 hours on Wednesdays from 3:30 - 6:30 (for Children's Garden Club), up to 4 hours on Saturdays from for Community Classes and Workshops, and additional time on curriculum development and class preparation from home or onsite at Parker Learning Gardens. (*Field Trips and Educational Tours are variable throughout the seasons.*)
- Each Intern is supported by a Mentor and Supervisor.
- Mentor oversees daily activities and supports each Intern's growth throughout the duration of the contract.

- Supervisor is available upon request for check-ins, meetings and general oversight.
- This internship includes a \$850 stipend and may qualify for academic credit.

### **Benefits of Interning with Parker Learning Gardens:**

- Experience working on a diversified educational farm.
- Hands-on experience making a positive impact in the lives of children, teens, and adults.
- Friendly environment with a committed, passionate community.
- Develop marketable education, leadership and management skills.
- Fresh vegetables from the garden as the season permits.
- Academic credit where applicable.

### **Qualifications:**

- Ability to work outside in all weather conditions.
- Ability to serve as a mature, healthy role model for youth.
- Self-motivated team player with an ability to meet deadlines, remain flexible and adjust to changing priorities.
- Ability to work effectively, efficiently, and independently.
- Responsibility, reliability and organizational skills.
- Interest in developing skills and knowledge in garden-based education. *No prior gardening or farming experience required.*
- The intern position is contingent upon satisfactory results of a background check.

*Parker Learning Gardens prohibits discrimination and harassment, and will take affirmative measures to ensure against them, especially if they are implemented on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, marital status, national origin, disability, status as a veteran or disabled veteran, neurodiversity, personal appearance, genetic information, family responsibilities, matriculation or political affiliation. This policy applies to all employees or potential employees, interns, volunteers, participants, members of the Parker Learning Gardens' Board of Directors, and anyone attending Parker Learning Gardens' events, field trips, tours, and classes. This policy extends to all aspects of employment and participation at Parker Learning Gardens, including hiring, promotion, training, working conditions, policies, compensation, evaluation, discipline and termination.*

**To apply:**

- Follow this link: <https://forms.gle/HXgUDSZjd44VYZv58>
- Applications are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis. Position will remain open until filled.
- If you have any questions, please contact Jenna at [jenna@parkerlearninggardens.org](mailto:jenna@parkerlearninggardens.org)