

Soil Born Farms Urban Agriculture and Education Project

Job Title: Youth Educator

Classification: Non-exempt

Program: Youth Education

Reports To: Youth Education Manager

Apply By: Open Application



Job Summary

The primary responsibilities of a Soil Born Farms Youth Educator is to assist in teaching youth about sustainable agriculture, environmental stewardship, nutrition, life sciences and health at Soil Born Farms on the American River Ranch. Responsibilities will include assisting in 3-4 hour field trips and summer day camps, working with various educators, supporting interns, occasional school garden support, working collaboratively with the youth education team and using creativity to develop dynamic educational experiences. This job requires an ability to work outside in all weather, do manual labor in the garden, be flexible, creative, self-directed and have a willingness to continue learning new things.

Key Responsibilities Detail

- Teach sustainable agriculture training sessions for youth at the farm or in a school garden
- Lead nutrition education activities utilizing produce from the garden and/or farm
- Co-create supporting educational documents and materials
- Prepare for and help deliver session content for a wide age range (pre kindergarten – high school) and exposure level of students
- Collaborate on departmental short and long-term planning
- Development of long-term systems for efficient and effective farm/garden management (planting schedules, production goals, cultivation, irrigation, materials ordering, maintenance, etc)
- Work with teachers, administrators, interns and volunteers
- Manage and engage students with various needs
- Support the collection of data for the needs of grants and funders
- Assist with maintenance of youth education spaces including vegetable gardens, native plant gardens, compost areas and chickens

Experience Required

- Teaching skills, communication skills, time management, prioritizing and delegating.
- Teaching on a farm/garden or outdoor setting
- Some understanding of organic gardening principles and practices
- Understanding of non-profit work.
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with people of diverse backgrounds in various situations
- Ability to communicate effectively and positively with staff, community, and guests
- Demonstrated ability to safely lead and participate in physically demanding work on uneven terrain
- Creatively think “on your feet” and “out of the box” .
- Demonstrates end-to-end project management capabilities, skillfully recognizing and addressing areas requiring enhanced support or guidance.
- Exhibits strong communication abilities coupled with a proactive approach to identifying and acquiring necessary support and resources.

Hours and Compensation : This position is 20-40 hours per week and the wage will range based on experience. This position requires a Tues-Sat. schedule.

To Apply: Interested applicants should send their resume and cover letter to Vanessa Forwood, Community Relations & Development Manager vforwood@soilborn.org . In your cover letter include, your ideal schedule (number of hours, days of the week and times each day), desired hourly rate, and if you have reliable transportation