

Nearby Nature

Learnscape Internships



Job Title: Learnscape Intern

Location: Nearby Nature's Learnscape in Alton Baker Park

Qualifications:

- Love working outdoors in all weather
- Strong work ethic, able to work in a group or independently
- Passion for learning and sharing sustainable living skills

Essential Duties: Nearby Nature's Learnscape and Edible Schoolyard is organically maintained. Projects will vary over the course of the year, but each season has its lessons for the gardener. All Learnscape interns will learn the basics of organic gardening, including but not limited to soil science and soil building techniques, seeding and transplanting, irrigation methods, perennial and annual crops, pest and weed management, and ecological principles. Interns will also perform maintenance and upkeep of our site. Interns will have the opportunity to network with members of Eugene's excellent farm and garden community, and are encouraged to explore individual projects related to sustainable living. Interns will also have the opportunity to harvest produce from the Learnscape.

- **Winter: January-March:** Winter interns will help plan the garden, start seedlings, prune fruit trees/berries/grapes/native plants, prepare soil for spring plantings, and perform tool maintenance. Interns will also participate in season extending techniques.
- **Spring: March-June:** Spring interns will seed, plant, and transplant spring and summer crops, build trellises for summer planting, learn about building and prepping soil, and more. Interns will prepare spring salads and network with other urban farmers and garden education organizations.
- **Summer: June-September:** Summer interns will help plant, maintain, and harvest the Edible Schoolyard, as well as help with Summer Daycamps. Interns will learn how to irrigate effectively and grow crops for continual harvest. Summer interns will help plant the fall and winter garden.
- **Fall: September-December:** Fall interns will help harvest and store produce, mulch the garden, save seeds, plant overwintering crops, plant cover crops, thin the fall-winter gardens, and put the garden to sleep.

Training: Training will happen on site according to the work at hand.

Credit Options: Credit can be arranged through individual professors, the UO Service Learning Program, the UO Career Development Center, the LCC Cooperative Education Program, or other appropriate departments at area colleges.

Internships: Internships will remain open until filled. To apply, send a cover letter (including available times), a resume, and references (in PDF files) to parkhost@nearbynature.org.

Questions: Call Nearby Nature at 541-687-9699 or email parkhost@nearbynature.org. 3-16-18

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