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# Land Steward Internship

## Location: Alton Baker Park

Gain experience in organic gardening, ecological restoration, and public park stewardship through work in both the Whilamut Natural Area and Nearby Nature's Learnscape garden and outdoor classroom space.



### Qualifications:

- Love being outdoors in all weather and prepared to get dirty and/or wet
- Strong work ethic and ability to work in groups and independently
- Knowledge of or eager to learn native ecology and restoration/gardening techniques
- Available for check-in meetings on Thurs. or Fri. and occasional weekend events

### Responsibilities:

- Adopt an area to maintain in the Learnscape (e.g. pollinator garden, food forest, annual vegetable beds)
- Support priority habitat restoration projects in the Whilamut Natural Area
- Provide logistical support and leadership for volunteers during work parties
- Assist with regular Action Walks to pick up litter and identify issues of concern
- Pursue a personal project and network with area organizations as time/interest allow

While specific work varies by season, the Land Steward Internship offers experience in plant identification and cultivation, control of invasive plants, seasonal garden planning and maintenance, park clean-up efforts including camping prevention and litter removal, and the safe use and maintenance of common garden and restoration tools. In the process, interns participate in hands-on learning about ecology, soil science, water quality, volunteer coordination, public lands management, and more.



**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.

**How to Apply:** Send a cover letter (including available times), a resume, and references (in PDF files) to Shaun Daniel at [parkhost@nearbynature.org](mailto:parkhost@nearbynature.org).

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