
Nearby Nature School Year Teaching Assistant Internship

Location: Alton Baker Park in Eugene, Oregon *Updated 7-21-25*

Nearby Nature seeks school year interns (mid-Sept-mid-Dec, Jan-March, and April-mid-June) to assist with our outdoor youth education programs. Interns will develop and gain direct experience using a variety of the skills required in the fields of nature education and program support.



At Nearby Nature, individuals with varied backgrounds, life experiences, and abilities are valued and encouraged to thrive. We are excited to teach – as well as learn from – all program interns and volunteers.

Responsibilities:

- Assist with and/or lead nature study activities, outdoor adventures, scientific discovery, gardening, games, storytelling, and crafts (for kids in groups ages 3-5 and/or 5-11).
- Assist with administration, supply management, safety, and site upkeep as needed.

Qualifications:

- Enjoy spending time outdoors, rain or shine
- Able to spend 4-8 hours on your feet (with appropriate breaks)
- Interested in working with children (previous experience with kids preschool and/or K-5th helpful but not required)
- Background in the natural sciences (helpful but not required)
- Responsible, safety-conscious (1st Aid/CPR training helpful but not required)
- Positive energy, sense of humor
- Committed to sustainable living

Training: Training on-the-job plus supplemental sessions as needed.

Credit Options/Stipends for Student Interns: Students are welcome to arrange credit if desired through individual professors, the UO Holden Center, the UO Career Development Center, the LCC Cooperative Education Program, or other appropriate local college departments.

Time Commitment: School year programs run in sessions, mid-September through mid-December, January through March, and April through mid-June. Our Natural Neighbors After School program (ages 5-11) runs Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 2:30-5:30 pm. Our Wonder Keepers Preschool program (ages 3-5) runs Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Our No School Day programs happen in Alton Baker and Hendricks Parks from 8:30 am-4:30 pm on local no school days during the school year. Interns can assist with one, two, or all three programs depending on availability and interest.



How to Apply: Send a cover letter, resume, and references (as PDFs) to programs@nearbynature.org. Internship interviews and position confirmations happen on a rolling basis as applications are received. Nearby Nature is an equal opportunity employer and we especially encourage people from non-traditional backgrounds, historically marginalized, or underrepresented groups to apply.

Questions: 541-687-9699 or programs@nearbynature.org.