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Food for Lane County Internship Position

Position: Youth Farm Adult Intern, 4 positions available

Responsible To Ted Purdy, Youth Farm Coordinator and Dan Rousseau, Youth Farm Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator

Length of Internship: March 1st-October 31st; 2 days/week (Tu & Th); 9-5

Intern Stipend: \$2,450 total

The FOOD for Lane County (FFLC) Youth Farm is an innovative program that addresses hunger and malnutrition by promoting community and individual self-sufficiency. Interns work alongside youth, volunteers, and staff to grow food for FFLC, our Community Supported Agriculture Program (CSA) and our produce stands. FFLC interns also work with our Summer Leadership Program that focuses on helping teen participants gain essential job and life skills, while also learning about gardening and nutrition. FFLC interns will participate in all farm related activities and receive training to develop their roles as leaders.

FFLC values diversity of all kinds, and is committed to building a diverse and inclusive workplace where we learn from each other. We are an equal opportunity employer and welcome people of all different backgrounds, experiences, abilities and perspectives.

Internship Education

FFLC interns will receive education and training in composting, nutrient management, plant propagation, orchard management and fruit tree pruning, crop rotation, winter gardening, greenhouse construction and management, irrigation, cultivation and weed management, medicinal herbs and food relief. Additional farm related subjects will be presented to interns depending on their interests. FFLC's educational program consists of lectures, field trips, hand-outs, literature review and mostly hands-on learning.

Internship Tasks:

- Learning and Participating in farm tasks, including seeding, watering, planting, harvesting, weeding, field amending
- Building community with adult volunteers and groups while doing garden maintenance and special projects
- Assist with all facets of farm stand operations, including set-up and breakdown

Skills Gained:

Interns will gain skills and experience in small-scale agriculture, marketing produce, working with youth, leading volunteers and community building. Interns may specialize in a particular subject, as their skills and interests become apparent.

Desired Qualifications:

- Passion for organic farming, gardening or outdoor work
- Interest or experience in working with youth and community members
- Ability to lift 50 pounds and perform farm tasks in adverse weather conditions
- Good communication skills
- Organized and reliable
- Share FFLC's values of Compassion, Inclusion and Collaboration

To apply: To apply, please submit a letter detailing your interests and availability, a resume and contact information for one reference to Jen Anonia at jen@foodforlanecounty.org. Positions will be open until filled.

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