



Earth Art Ag Part-time Garden Educator Job Description

Earth Art Ag is a Portland-based non-profit that teaches hands-on, academically-supported, culturally-responsive garden education to public K-8 students with a focus on local ecosystems, sustainable agriculture and food security. We are a team of educators, gardeners, and farmers who believe in making garden education equitable for and accessible to everyone.

Educator Reports to: Education Director

Pay: \$17-18/hr (DOE) + 10% health/retirement benefits; approx. 15-20 hrs/week (2 days/week- no December programming)

Start Date: late August 2017-June 2018

Apply by: July 14, 2017

Locations: 2 public K-8 schools/ SE Portland

Responsibilities:

- Teach hands-on, academically-supported garden education (during the school day and optional after-school Garden Club) at two K-8 public schools (includes time for lesson prep/admin: 1 hr/day; daily set-up & clean-up: 1 hr/day).
- Adapt/customize Earth Art Ag lessons to be site-specific and meet school community needs (ex: reading levels, site constraints, English Language Learners, culturally-appropriate, teacher requests, etc.).
- Coordinate, tend, and maintain edible school gardens at teaching sites, including planting, weeding, watering, composting, harvesting, etc.
- Harvest and prepare produce for school cafeterias as needed.
- Develop community connections to the garden through outreach, partnerships, harvest tables and by attending school/community events.
- Communicate schedules and teaching logistics with teachers, school administration, cafeteria staff, and parent volunteers at teaching sites.
- Attend monthly staff meetings (approx. 2 hours/month).

- Maintain daily records of hours worked.
- Network with other environmental educators, organizations, and community partners.
- Request supplies for teaching sites.

Minimum Qualifications

The ideal candidate will be self-motivated, creative, detail-oriented, and flexible, and have a passion for outdoor education, gardening, and nutrition, in addition to the following:

- 1) Hold a Bachelor's degree in education or a related field with a focus on conservation, environmental literacy, agriculture/gardening, **OR** 2) A combination of experience, training and/or education that provides the necessary directly relevant skills, knowledge and abilities to perform assigned tasks.
- **Minimum** 1 year teaching/leading children (elementary) in school gardens/farms- solid understanding of outdoor pedagogy (managing up to 35 children in a school garden) and hands-on learning.
- **Minimum** 1 year (entire growing season) working in sustainable agriculture (farm or garden).
- Passion for spending the majority of time outdoors (in all weather conditions).
- Excellent communication, organizational, and time management skills.
- Food Handlers Card or the willingness to attain upon hire.
- Must be able to pass a criminal background check.
- Valid Oregon driver's license and clean driving record; access to reliable transportation.

Preferred Qualifications

Knowledge of

- Local ecosystems, habitats, sustainable agriculture, year-round gardening, native flora and fauna, and basic nutrition.
- Fundamentals of aligning garden education with academic standards.
- Basic components of STEM, Common Core, and Next Generation Science Standards.

Skills/Ability to

- Effectively connect culturally diverse students to the natural world with an appreciation for diverse learning abilities and needs.
- Create and maintain a safe and engaging outdoor classroom environment where all students can thrive.

- Work collaboratively and independently on self-directed tasks in an organized and timely manner.
- Effectively and clearly communicate orally and in writing.
- Meet deadlines, multitask and balance priorities.
- Use basic computer skills: Microsoft Office: Word, PowerPoint, Excel.
- Ability to lift 40 lbs and actively work outdoors.

To apply please send **cover letter** and **resume**, with **three references** to:

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by July 14, 2017

Questions: Email Djamila Moore, Education Director, at djamila@earthartag.org

More info about Earth Art Ag: earthartag.org