

CommunityGrows

After School Garden Educator

Job Description



*planting seeds,
empowering youth*

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About Us:

CommunityGrows is an environmental education non-profit serving high-needs youth, especially those living in public housing in San Francisco. Youth acquire the necessary skills to live a healthy life through garden education, nutritious cooking and eating, and green jobs training. We are based in the Western Addition and partner with two elementary schools and numerous youth-serving organizations to meet our mission.

Description:

We are seeking a motivated and dedicated individual to run the after school programs of CommunityGrows. As a garden educator you would be responsible for planning and teaching at least one garden/cooking class per afternoon. In addition, you would assist with garden maintenance, outreach, planning and implementing garden events, and some office work. You would also be supervising any interns or volunteers that work in the afternoons. It is very important that you can relate to youth and families from a diversity of backgrounds and can demonstrate your experience as such.

Responsibilities:

- Provide a safe, secure space for students to share, learn and grow.
- Plan lessons for the after school gardening and cooking classes.
- Teach at least one class per afternoon, mostly at Koshland Garden (Page and Buchanan) but also at some of our partners' sites throughout the Western Addition.
- Develop and implement community projects and special events around the garden.
- Communicate with parents and families as needed.
- Work closely with the Programs Manager to develop and run the after school classes
- Communicate clearly with the Executive Director on a weekly basis.
- Maintain healthy relationships with parents, families, students and school faculty/staff.
- Assist with outreach to the community and volunteers.
- Supervisor volunteers and interns who assist you in teaching classes and garden maintenance.
- Model positive and proactive attitudes, behaviors and language use with students.
- Keep accurate attendance records of classes and curriculum taught.
- Assist with garden maintenance.
- Support CommunityGrows general activities and operations.

Hours: 15-18 hours per week, must be available in the afternoons from 2pm-6pm and one Saturday every month or two.

Compensation: Starting salary is \$15 per hour.

This is a part-time position with the possibility of benefits after three months.

Required Qualifications:

- Experience with and enthusiasm for teaching youth ages 5-12.
- Experience with garden management and garden education curriculum.
- Excellent classroom management skills.
- Ability to supervise and manage volunteers/interns (experience in this is desired).
- Ability to work with, and relate to, children and adults from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds.
- Strong organizational skills and the ability to work independently and take initiative.
- Good writing skills and computer proficiency.
- Strong collaboration, mediation, and team-building skills.
- Familiarity with theories of environmental justice.
- Must be able to be finger-printed, pass a live scan background check, and provide a TB skin test.

Desired Qualifications:

- Spanish Bi-lingual
- Passionate about healthy eating and experience teaching cooking.
- Experience living and/or working in the Western Addition.

CommunityGrows actively seeks candidates who reflect the diversity of our Western Addition community and who will be role models for the youth.

Check out our website and blog at www.communitygrows.org/blog/

Application deadline is October 22, 2010. This position is available now.

To apply send resume and cover letter to:

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