



Windy Van Hooten Garden Educator

Windy Van Hooten Teaching Garden (WVH) is seeking a Garden Educator to implement educational programs. The ideal candidate will have experience teaching elementary-age students and a knowledge of organic vegetable gardening. The Garden Educator's main role is to teach standards-based garden lessons at our partner schools. They will also be responsible for class preparation, contributing to lesson planning and curriculum development, garden planning and maintenance, and collaborating with the Windy Van Hooten Teaching Garden team and their partner schools to deliver an outstanding garden education program.

Application Closing Date: Friday, July 14, 2023

Position Start Date: Monday, August 14, 2023

Responsibilities:

- Teach weekly garden-based lessons to K-5th graders at 2 of WVH's partner schools (approximately 8 to 10 classrooms per week), using WVH's curriculum and adding additional lessons, as needed and as agreed upon by WVH's leadership.
- Assist and/or Lead after-school programming two afternoons per week for 8 weeks each semester (approximately 4 hours each week).
- Create a safe, structured and warm learning environment for all students modeling respect and curiosity for learning.
- Work together with partner school teachers and principals to set semester schedules and expectations for garden classes.
- Prepare for lessons including reflecting on and trouble-shooting the lesson plans, creating and/or organizing lesson materials, and communicating with partner school teachers about lesson responsibilities.
- Maintain our partner school gardens as a point of pride for the school and a place of beauty, diversity, and creativity for students, staff and families.
- Work with the school staff to incorporate the garden as part of the school's culture.
- Develop community buy-in at WVH's partner schools, including building relationships with school staff and families and creating excitement about the garden program.
- Manage crop rotations, planting, harvesting, weeding, fertilizing, pest management, irrigation, seed-saving, and other garden-maintenance related activities in partner school gardens and maintain accurate records of garden maintenance.
- Work with the WVH leadership to manage WVH volunteers and achieve mission goals.
- Collaborate with the WVH Education Team in curriculum development and program implementation.
- Where possible, record student testimonials and take picture documentations of lessons in action.
- Attend regular WVH Education Team Meetings.
- Maintain consistent and constructive communication with WVH team and partner schools; arrive at work on time and prepared for the day and provide sufficient notice of changes in schedule.

- Participate in regular check-ins with WVH leadership to establish goals and review performance.

Additional Duties and Requirements:

- Be able to lift 50 lbs, stand on feet for 6 hours at a time, be outdoors for 6 hours at a time in all non-dangerous weather, and be physically active.
- Must pass federal and state background checks.

Experience:

- Bachelor's degree, preferably in Education, Science or a related field OR 2 years of experience in education OR comparable experience.
- Experience working with elementary aged students required.
- 1-2 years of work experience including teaching and program planning and implementation.
- Strong enthusiasm for experiential, sensory education, with an emphasis on garden-based, outdoor education required.
- Experience working with students from varying socio-economic backgrounds, including students from historically marginalized communities.
- Experience growing and managing organic vegetable gardens.
- Working knowledge of basic computer programs including Office 365.

Desired Qualities and Characteristics:

- Believe in every student's ability to achieve
- Passion for community engagement
- Take personal responsibility and initiative
- Highly detail-oriented and organized
- Collaborate effectively with a range of stakeholders
- Strong written and communication skills

Compensation:

- This is a part time position (August to May)
- \$20 per hour with an expected work week of 11 to 16 hours.
- This position is funded through the 2023-2024 school year with employment for additional school years dependent on grant funding.

To Apply:

Please send a cover letter and resume to apply@windyvanhooten.org with your name and "Garden Educator Application" in the subject line.

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