

# Youth Garden Project

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## **YOUTH PROGRAMS INSTRUCTOR**

### **SPRING + SUMMER SESSION**

**Internship Dates:** February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 — August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### **Internship Description:**

The Youth Garden Project (YGP) is a non-profit organization located in the red rock country of Moab, UT. Our mission is to *cultivate healthy children, families, and community through educational programs and the profound act of connecting people with food from seed to table.*

We are looking for individuals interested in working as an educator in a hands-on, outdoor setting within a variety of our elementary educational programs. In the spring, we host two After-School Programs, lead Garden Classroom Field Trips, and run a weeklong Spring Break Camp—all of which will be facilitated primarily by two instructors. During the summer, four instructors collaborate to implement our nine-week Summer Camp program.

#### **Primary Duties and Responsibilities:**

##### SPRING

- Plan and lead activities for two After-School Programs.
- Develop and facilitate garden-based activities for Spring Break Camp.
- Teach Garden Classroom Field Trips for all Grand County students (Preschool-6<sup>th</sup> grades) using YGP's curriculum.
- Co-facilitate any Middle and High School workshops or class visits with the rest of the Youth Programs team, as needed.

##### SUMMER

- Four interns will work as a cohesive team to run YGP's nine-week Summer Camp program.
- Interns will receive an in-depth training prior to leading the Summer Camp program; including behavior management techniques, discipline policies, and more.
- All interns will plan, organize, and lead the Summer Camp program with guidance and support from the Youth Programs Director. Daily Summer Camp responsibilities include, but are not limited to: ensure overall smoothness of the Summer Camp day including safety of campers; enforce YGP discipline policies with campers; prepare materials for activities & snacks; manage groups of children while building relationships/rapport with them; teach two-three 45 minute activities per day with co-instructors; encourage campers to learn, have fun, & connect with the garden; communicate with parents/guardians regarding campers' behavior, etc.
- Each intern will play a role in the instruction and development of Summer Camp weeks. This includes, but is not limited to: creating experiential, fun, & educational activities related to assigned Summer Camp theme; submitting detailed activity plans for review; sharing & coaching co-instructors in regards to your activities; providing positive & constructive feedback to co-workers, etc.



**Other Expectations:**

- Interns will work 35 hours per week on average during the spring (schedule varies) and 45 hours per week on average during the summer (M-F, 8am-5pm).
- Interns should expect to be outside the majority of the day.
- YGP is involved in a series of local community events and fundraisers that interns will be required to work or attend beyond normal work hours.
- Interns will be certified in CPR and First Aid; certification opportunity will be provided if applicant is not already certified.
- Interns should be a positive and enthusiastic team member throughout the duration of the internship.

**Educational Opportunities:**

• Gain experience teaching elementary-aged students • Build your teaching skill set by leading hands-on science & nutrition lessons • Learn about how a garden can be used as a teaching tool • Make relationships with students, teachers, summer campers, & families • Write and implement creative lessons & activities • Have opportunities to connect children with gardens, food, & community • Community event/workshop involvement • And more!

**Desired Skills:** *applicants must be 21 or older*

- Responsible and reliable
- Works well independently and in a team setting
- Demonstrates a strong work ethic, while also maintaining enthusiasm
- Interest in experiential education
- Problem solver who is flexible and able to improvise
- Has an open mind and willingness to be involved with YGP beyond its youth programs working either hands-on in the garden or at special events.

**Compensation:**

- Each intern will receive a stipend of \$500/month. First and last month's stipend will be prorated based on days worked. Interns are allotted 3 days of paid vacation.
- YGP will provide free in-town housing which includes a washer/dryer, furniture, beds, and kitchen utensils.
- The intern household will receive a weekly CSA share and farm fresh eggs (on a rotating basis).

**To Apply:**

Please e-mail a brief cover letter and an attached resume with three professional references to Youth Programs Director, Julie Zender, at [julie@youthgardenproject.org](mailto:julie@youthgardenproject.org). Application is open until filled.