

## Outdoor Education Internship

Mount Pisgah Arboretum is a small non-profit located near Eugene and Springfield along the banks of the Coast Fork of the Willamette and the base of Mt. Pisgah. Our mission is to engage people with nature through interactive learning and stewardship. We are looking for students who would like to gain experience in outdoor education.

Outdoor Education Interns build on local ecology and science to lead small groups of elementary aged children in nature-based outdoor lessons. All Interns work alongside the Education Manager and fellow Arboretum staff and are provided shadowing & training opportunities before leading lessons independently. Interns build skills such as: teaching techniques for working with kids, experiential learning in outdoor settings, nonprofit park and partnership management, and more. Students will gain 2-4 credits with the possibility of additional compensation to be confirmed Spring 2023.



- Spring Internships begin March 20th and go until June 9th (with the exclusion of Spring Break).

### Learning Outcomes for Spring Interns include:

- Attend Nature Guide training on field trip programs which cover topics such as: local habitats & ecology, working with kids, watershed & water cycles, animal adaptations, and more (at least 17 hours).
- After training: independently lead 2 hour field trips based on the provided curriculum and nature-based topics (40 hours/ 2 tours per week, on-site).
- Modify existing curriculum or design new nature-based lessons to be used in future Arboretum programs (15-20 hours remote or in-office work).
- Co-lead on-site after school program alongside Arboretum staff, with opportunities to create and modify personalized lessons (15-20 hours).
- Aid in Wildflower Festival event set up and public engagement (10 hours).



- Summer Internships begin June 20th and go until August 23rd.

### Learning Outcomes for Summer Interns include:

- Shadowing alongside Arboretum staff at least 4 summer club programs (17 hours on-site).
- Co-leading summer programs alongside Arboretum staff: guiding elementary-aged groups of 10-12 on hikes, engaging them in outdoor activities, games, and hands-on lessons. (40 hours/ 2 tours per week, on-site).
- Modify existing curriculum or design new nature-based lessons to be used in future Arboretum programs (15-20 hours remote or in-office work).
- Aid in restoration projects or weekend family walks on-site (15-20 hours).

**To apply send an email and short cover letter  
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