



Outdoor Garden Educator

Reports to: Director of Youth Programming

About City Green: City Green, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to facilitating the establishment of urban farms and gardens in northern New Jersey's cities to create increased access to healthy, local food while cultivating education in food systems, nutrition, and the environment.

About Youth Programming: Towards this mission, City Green offers a variety of programs geared toward youth: *City Sprouts* is our youth gardening program, taking place after school and summertime at partner organizations and the City Green Learning Garden and Farms. *School Grounds* includes School Gardens, Environmental Clubs, and Professional Development Training. *Growing Strong* is our high school intern program, offering paid employment and youth development programming to local teenagers.

Position Summary: The Outdoor Garden Educator will support all branches of City Green's Youth Programs with a concentrated focus on the City Sprouts branch. City Sprouts provides children grades PreK-5th the opportunity to participate in gardening experiences; develop a deeper understanding of the natural environment; gain understanding of food systems and the importance of eating healthy foods; and have access to outdoor natural spaces in their own community.

The Outdoor Garden Educator will interact with children and adolescents daily, and the ideal candidate will have a warm and motivating disposition towards youth development and education. The majority of the Outdoor Garden Educator's time will be spent independently implementing outdoor garden programming and maintaining garden spaces.

Responsibilities Include:

- Implementing the City Sprouts daily after-school and summer garden education program at a six partner sites as well as at the City Green Learning Garden in Eastside Park, Paterson
- Implementing City Green's twice a week pre-school garden program in the spring and fall at the City Green Farm Eco-Center in Clifton
- Implementing three weekend family programs per season
- Taking on a "Crew Leader" role for the summer Growing Strong high school intern/youth development program, overseeing a crew of three high school students as they help run summer City Sprouts

- Educating at field trips throughout the season at our urban farms in Paterson and Clifton, providing inner-city youth with direct, hands-on experience with farms, food sources, and nature.
- Collecting data at all City Sprouts programs
- Assisting with the construction and maintenance of partner gardens
- Performing other duties as needed by the organization

Qualifications:

- Direct experience independently implementing youth programming with educational components
- Must have interest and experience mentoring, motivating, and supervising high school-aged youth
- Skilled in classroom behavior management
- Basic knowledge of agriculture and gardening
- Comfortable working outside in all weather and capable of lifting 40 pounds
- Comfortable working with Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, Powerpoint)
- Must be a team player and have the ability to work independently
- High energy and a consistently positive attitude is a must
- Preferably a bachelor's degree in childhood education or related field
- A valid driver's license is required

The position starts March 27th and is full time seasonal.

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume by February 28th to:

The Director of Youth Programming

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