



## Garden Education Intern 2016 with The Garden Project of Southwest Colorado

*Help us grow healthier kids by teaching gardening & cooking!*

The Garden Project of Southwest Colorado is a local nonprofit who supports school and community garden programs in La Plata County and has helped develop 20 gardens since 1998. We focus on connecting people to their food, developing health nutrition and encouraging environmental stewardship.

School Garden Programs involve indoor & outdoor gardening activities, cooking & nutrition classes, connections to science & wellness standards, and experiential, nature-based education.

### CURRENT SCHOOL GARDEN PROGRAMS:

- During school garden classes at Needham Elementary School - (now through the end of the school year)
- Dirt Club after-school program at Needham, Riverview and Park Elementary Schools (April & May)
- Farmer Days - local farmers come to Needham in the Spring to plant with the students
- Jr Gardener's Summer Camp - during the month of July at Needham Elementary
- Developing School Garden Education Curriculum that can be piloted at Needham and spread to all 9R elementary schools

The garden education intern will be responsible for assisting with garden education programming at one or various elementary schools within Durango School District 9-R.

### INTERNS MUST BE ABLE TO COMMIT TO:

- at least one school garden program listed above (we can work with you on scheduling)
- at least **20 hours** of time (up to 150 hours available) – this is a competitive position
- being flexible in working with both kids and adults in a variety of learning situations

### INTERNS WILL LEARN AND BE EXPOSED TO:

- Working with elementary aged students in classrooms and outdoors
- Promoting experiential educational programs at schools
- Child management skills
- Garden-Based learning best practices

#### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Promotion of garden education programs
- Lesson/material preparation and clean up
- Assistance in teaching lessons
- Child management
- Documenting learning through photos, quotes, and surveys

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Junior/Senior at Fort Lewis College in Adventure Education, Environmental Studies, Sociology, or Teacher Education department(s).
- Must have an interest in connecting youth to their food, healthy nutrition and environmental stewardship.
- Must be self-motivated, organized, and possess good communication skills (involving access to phone & email).
- Must have own transportation to the elementary schools.

#### COMPENSATION:

- This is an unpaid internship.
- We are happy to work with you and your professor to receive class credit / internship hours.
- We will give you a Garden Project t-shirt and all the stickers you want!
- We are happy to provide a recommendation / reference for you and encourage you to list this experience on your resume.

#### INTERESTED?

- **Due January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**
- Complete the Garden Education Intern Application
- Email it to Sandhya Tillotson, Executive Director at: [thegardenprojectswco@gmail.com](mailto:thegardenprojectswco@gmail.com)

#### FIND OUT MORE ABOUT US:

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