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Title: Vegetable Garden Trainee
Reports to: Associate Director of Horticulture Operations

Status: Part-time/Temporary (9 - 16 weeks)
Salary: \$14/hour
Non-Exempt

The Vegetable Garden Trainee will assist the Vegetable Garden Coordinator in performing daily tasks managing the vegetable garden at the Idaho Botanical Garden (Garden). This position works with the Horticulture Department to assist in creating a dynamic, high quality edible landscape and corresponding plant collection for the purpose of public education and aiding food insecurity.

Responsibilities

- Responsible for assisting Vegetable Garden Coordinator in a wide range of maintenance tasks vital to the vegetable garden; including but not limited to soil preparation, planting, mulching, weeding, watering, composting, irrigation, and pest management.
- Responsible for proper harvesting and food storage techniques.
- Responsible for assisting in planting, growing and harvesting food to alleviate food insecurity through Garden partnerships and food donation programs.
- Responsible for assisting Vegetable Garden Coordinator with greenhouse maintenance and management.
- Daily tasks involve working independently and collaborating with other staff and volunteers to acquire skills in a variety of horticulture tasks.
- Demonstrates thoroughness and looks for ways to assist and learn alongside the Vegetable Garden Coordinator.
- Must have a keen eye for garden detail.
- Responsible for upholding all guidelines related to safety, equipment operations, and maintenance tasks.
- Other vegetable garden related duties as assigned.

Skills, Specifications, & Experience

- Up to one year of professional experience in the horticulture or agriculture field is desirable.
- Proven interpersonal and teaching skills with adults and children is desirable.
- Possesses a friendly, polite, service-oriented demeanor while interacting and working near staff, volunteers, and garden guests.

Requirements

- Ability to use computers for tasks such as email correspondence, Microsoft Suite calendar scheduling and basic Microsoft Suite (Word, Excel), highly desirable.
- Up to one year of experience in all aspects of

- Behaves and communicates in a manner that promotes and fosters a culture of teamwork and cooperation with internal and external guests.
- Focuses on solving conflict; approaches others in a tactful manner; accepts responsibility for own actions; follows through on commitments; remains open to new ideas and approaches.
- Volunteers readily; undertakes self-development activities; seeks increased responsibilities; takes independent actions and calculated risks; looks for and takes advantage of opportunities; asks for and offers help when needed.
- Ability to carry up to 50lbs
- Ability to work in various weather conditions such as cold, snow, or rain.

routine farm or food garden maintenance working with a professional gardening, horticulture, landscaping or agriculture operation.

- A valid Idaho driver's license and clean driving record.
- Ability to occasionally work weekends.
- Preference for those available between September – December 2024 (Program Period)
- Approximately 20 hours per week.

To Apply

Submit resume and cover letter to hire@idahobotanicalgarden.org