

Farm Education Coordinator at City Farm SLO



The Farm Education Coordinator will work under the direction of the Executive Director to implement and expand upon existing youth education programs at City Farm SLO.

About City Farm SLO

City Farm SLO (CFS) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to advance community well-being and the common good by fostering connection to food and the land at San Luis Obispo's urban farm. We work toward this mission by enabling small farmers in sustainable crop production, educating SLO County youth with farm-based programming, modeling innovative agricultural practices, and engaging a diverse community of people.

About our Youth Education Programs

Pacific Beach High School Farm Class: Since 2014, CFS has partnered with Pacific Beach High School (PBHS) to serve students in their adapted continuation schooling program. Students meet twice weekly for farming classes centered on job-skill training. Instruction topics include: regenerative and organic farming methods, leadership and team building, and nutrition/food literacy.

On-the-Farm Field Trips: In addition to fruits and vegetables, at CFS we are growing the next generation of scientists, sustainable farmers, environmentalists, informed citizens, and change-makers. During on-the-farm field trips, students connect with where their food comes from and learn why that matters. Field trips are 2 hours long, are aligned with CA Common Core and NGSS curricula, and are offered to K-12 classes.

Learn more at <https://www.cityfarmslo.org/educate-youth>

Primary Responsibilities:

- Lead the development and delivery of on-farm youth education programs
- Effectively engage and instruct groups of 8-30 students at a time
- Coordinate volunteers and interns in support of youth education programs
- Conduct program outreach and registrations for On-the-Farm Field Trips
- Communicate effectively with City Farm SLO Management and Staff, school staff, parents, and program participants
- Conduct program evaluation and assessment & assist Executive Director in program funding efforts
- Participate in weekly check-in meetings with Farm Manager and Executive Director
- Optional: Lead other farm education programs if interested in more hours, such as special events, farm tours, and adult workshops.

Required Qualifications:

- At least 6 months of facilitation or teaching experience with youth (outdoor education experience preferred)
- Demonstrated interpersonal and communication skills; ability to work independently and in groups; passion for working with people of diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds
- Knowledge of or interest in topics including sustainable agriculture, urban farming, environmental science, health and nutrition, food systems, and food policy
- Excellent organizational skills and proficiency with Google Docs and Google Calendar
- Available to work Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Access to reliable transportation; hold a valid driver's license; and ability to pass a background check

Desired Qualifications:

- 2+ years experience working with K-12 students, including a familiarity with curricular standards and classroom activities
- Higher Education Degree in Education, Nutrition, Kinesiology, Agriculture, Environmental Studies or related field.
- Spanish language skills

Salary and Benefits:

- \$18-20/hour Depending on experience (part time, hourly position)
- 12 - 20 hours a week with opportunity for more hours as programs expand. **Start date: August 16, 2021**
- Free organic produce from City Farm SLO
- Opportunity to take on a formative role in a dynamic and growing organization

To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to info@centralcoastgrown.org with "Farm Education Coordinator" in the subject line by August 1, 2015.

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