

2026 Youth Education & Garden Intern Announcement



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YOUTH EDUCATION & GARDEN INTERN

15-31 HOURS/WEEK, 115-150 HOURS; Wage: \$16/hr

Note: *Open to a current high school student or recent high school graduate. The intern will be hired through the Youth Career Connect Program with COIC. The intern will be placed with The Environmental Center's Youth Education and Garden Programs.*

The mission of the Environmental Center is to embed sustainability into daily life in Central Oregon. They are a regional leader in environmental education, engagement, and action.

A typical day. . .

The intern will support 4 weeks of summer camps for youth, including Eco Hero Adventures in Bend, Canyon & Community Trekkers in Redmond, and Forest Explorers (2 sessions) at Skyliner Lodge 10 miles west of Bend. During weeks when there are no camps, the intern will do check-ins with their supervisor and some prep for upcoming camp sessions. Additionally, on no camp weeks there may be opportunities for helping develop and do outreach for the Kansas Avenue Learning Garden's revamped garden space.

Skills learned. . .

This individual will gain skills and experience in environmental education and facilitating youth programs for a medium-sized nonprofit. Interns will also have the chance to be involved in garden infrastructure and development, as well as event outreach and planning.

Schedule and Other Details. . .

The majority of work will occur Monday-Thursday from 8am-4:30pm, but some evenings might be required for garden work parties. **The weeks of 6/22-25, 7/13-16, 7/27-30, & 8/17-20 are required, while work for other weeks is more flexible.** The Environmental Center's office is located in downtown Bend, though staff are working from another nearby location until the building renovation is complete in June.

Job Requirements. . .

This job requires creativity, computer proficiency, and an interest in sustainability and working with youth. Interns must also be comfortable working outside in a variety of weather conditions.

The Environmental Center has 12 staff members. This position will work most directly with Becky Yaeger and Denise Rowcroft. **Email application to becky@envirocenter.org with cover letter, resume and 2-3 references.**

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