



POSITION TITLE: Youth Garden Educator, AmeriCorps Member

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION'S PROJECT: Sawtooth Botanical Garden, Education Center

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION'S MISSION:

The Sawtooth Botanical Garden is a 5-acre developing botanical garden celebrating the unique beauty and diverse plant life of our region. Our mission is to educate and inspire people to appreciate and live in balance with the natural world.

LOCATION:

Physical address: 11 Gimlet Road, Ketchum, ID, 83340

Mailing address: P.O. Box 928, Sun Valley, ID 83353

The Wood River Valley is located in South Central Idaho surrounded by the Pioneer, Boulder and Smokey Mountain ranges. At over 5,000 feet of elevation, the valley is a high altitude desert with little rainfall in the summer and snow covering the ground from November to March. Temperatures range from the low 40's to the 80's F in the summer and can be as low as 20 below zero in the winter. Incredible fishing, hiking, biking, skiing, kayaking, and climbing opportunities are just a quick drive in every direction.

POSITION SUMMARY: The Youth Garden Educator will lead and assist with the identification, development, and presentation of garden and ecology based service and educational activities for youth and adults. The Youth Garden Educator will report directly to the Garden Education Specialist.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Lead garden and ecology based activities for youth ages 2-9.
- Assist with after school education, the Annual Bug Zoo, Harvest Festival, and Summer Day Camps.
- Assist with adult educational programming such as coordinating and marketing workshops and other events.
- Participate in other general garden maintenance as needed.
- Work with the Garden Education Specialist to identify and craft a special on-site youth project that will educate community youth. This project will allow the member to focus on a topic that is directly inline with his/her specific interests.
- Complete and submit all necessary PCEI/AmeriCorps paperwork and reports in a timely manner.
- Attend and complete all PCEI/AmeriCorps training and service requirements including orientation, trainings, and national service days.
- Wear a PCEI uniform and/or appropriate identifiers and required safety gear while performing service or attending official events.

REQUIREMENTS:

- 18 years of age or older, by completion of the program.
- U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident.
- Possession of a high school diploma or equivalent, or commit to earning one prior to receiving an education award.
- Ability to commit to the full term of service for which they are applying.
- Submit to a criminal history background check.
- Regular and reliable attendance.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Qualified candidates will have earned or be working towards a degree in the field of environmental education, natural resources, ecology, botany or other related fields.
- Interest in the ecology of the intermountain west and have experience with children ages 2-9.
- Other skills required: organized, self starter, dependable, creative, excellent writing and computer skills and a passion for science based education.

MEMBER BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- A taxable, monthly living stipend (approximately \$1,000 per month before taxes, \$11,400 for serving entire term of service).
- Upon successful completion of a full term of service, eligible members receive an education award of \$4,725. The education award can be used to repay qualified student loans, for further education in an accredited institution of higher learning, vocational, or for trade schools. The education award is taxed in the year that it is used.
- Loan forbearance (after successful completion of a term of service, AmeriCorps will pay the accrued interest on qualified loans, which is taxable).
- Basic medical insurance (covers members only, not dependents; vision and dental not included).
- Childcare allowance for those who qualify.

SUBMIT RESUME, COVER LETTER AND 2 WRITTEN REFERENCES TO:

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