Farming Internship at Schoolyard Farms

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Schoolyard Farms at Candy Lane Elementary and New Urban High School, Milwaukie, OR
Position closes: February 26th, 2016
Compensation: Paid Internship, $500/month

Schoolyard Farm Interns participate in all aspects of running a small-scale production farm. Schoolyard Farms grows over 40 different annual and perennial fruits and vegetables. The produce is grown for a 55-member CSA, Head Start, local grocers and the school cafeteria. The farm internship is designed for first-time urban farmers who are interested in learning farm basics. The internship is a hands-on, physical education. Farm interns will work primarily with the Farm Manager, and are an integral part to the Schoolyard Farms community, working alongside Garden Educators, Summer Camp participants and volunteers.

Time Commitment
- April 5th - October 28th, 2016
- Tuesday thru Friday from 9-4pm*, two days a week will be spent at the Candy Lane Farm and two days at the New Urban Farm
*In May and June, Interns must be available on Wednesdays to alternate between an 8am-2pm shift and a 1pm-8pm shift. The 1-8pm shift will take place at the Moreland Farmers Market.

Responsibilities
- Field work: Schoolyard Farms does most of their farming by hand. This includes seeding, planting, weeding, harvesting, bed preparations, watering, trellising, washing and packing produce
- Small machine maintenance and operation, including weed whackers, mowers and tillers
- General farm maintenance: Tool and equipment care
- Produce sales and customer interaction

Qualifications
- Must pass a criminal background check
- Demonstrated experience with some farming and gardening
- Physical fitness and ability to lift 50 lbs.
- Positive, can-do attitude
- Self-motivated: Farm work requires physical and mental endurance, and farm days are spent outside in any weather
- Flexible: Farm work is dynamic, interns must be able to shift gears quickly and efficiently
- Collaborative: Farm interns must be comfortable working as a team

Benefits
- $500 monthly stipend
- College credits (check with your school)
- Hands-on training in small-scale, sustainable farming practices
- One CSA share (June-October)

How to Apply
Please submit a resume and cover letter answering the following questions: (1) Why do you want to participate in a farming internship at Schoolyard Farms? (2) What prior experience do you have with farming and/or gardening? (3) What experience do you have with physical work? (4) What three attributes would co-workers, family and friends all agree that you possess? to Schoolyard Farms’ Executive Director, Courtney Leeds, at courtney@schoolyardfarms.org by 5:00pm on Friday, February 26th, 2016.

About Schoolyard Farms: Schoolyard Farms (SYF) is a nonprofit that creates healthier communities by teaching about and growing food on underused schoolyards. Since its founding in 2012, Schoolyard Farms has partnered with Candy Lane Elementary to manage and cultivate one-acre of the schoolyard; integrated the farm into 300 students’ classroom lessons weekly while teaching them where food comes from and how to grow it; hosted farm-based summer camp for 1st-6th graders; grown over 3,000 lbs. of produce for 35 CSA members,
Head Start and the Farmers Market, each year; and built community partnerships with organizations like the Clackamas County Juvenile Department and the Soil and Water Conservation District. This year, SYF is growing to its second site, New Urban High School, and is looking for dedicated people to join the team.