



WASATCH COMMUNITY GARDENS

School Garden Program Coordinator

Program Description

Founded in 1989, Wasatch Community Gardens (WCG) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that works to empower people of all ages and incomes to grow and eat healthy, organic, local food. Wasatch Community Gardens achieves its mission by providing access to gardening, land, and education.

The WCG School Garden Program works to engage educators, youth, and adults in gardens at their schools in their own communities. Our goals are to empower teachers, extended day staff, volunteers, administrators, and parents to grow and eat organic vegetables while also working to enhance student opinions of vegetables. We work to achieve these goals through teaching and demonstrating easy-to-follow gardening techniques and recipes. The School Garden Program offers two tiers of service to schools in the Salt Lake area. Tier 1 schools are WCG's flagship schools – we directly manage their day to day operation and teach classes during the school day. Tier 2 schools are schools that are more independent – we offer support services in the form of four site visits a year to ensure that the garden is being managed and maintained. We offer a handful of support services to the Tier 2 schools including volunteer assistance, curriculum workshops, and development assistance.

Job Description

Working under the direction of the School Garden Program Director, the School Garden Coordinator will have two main focuses: further develop and implement community-driven initiatives and teach classes in our three teaching schools (the Tier 1 schools). The School Garden Coordinator will work closely with the Tier 1 schools to host volunteer sessions, teach curriculum and gardening workshops, provide development assistance, and be the WCG contact for general questions. In addition to overseeing the Tier 1 program, the School Garden Coordinator will work to develop and provide a sustainable and relevant parent engagement option to schools in the program. The School Garden Coordinator will also assist the School Garden Program Director with other volunteer and teaching sessions as necessary.

Responsibilities

Education

- Teach children in K-6 grade about healthy eating habits.
- Provide support to educators that would like to incorporate gardening in their classroom

Additional Duties

- Work with schools to build involvement in and commitment to the school gardens within the school communities

- Work with the School Garden Program Director to disseminate recipes and lesson plans to the Tier 2 schools that are being tested and developed in the Tier 1 program
- Participate in WCG meetings and events
- Take on other project-related duties as they arise
- Gather relevant data student attitudes and reactions to the recipes and lessons
- As time allows, provide support for Hispanic/Latino community engagement activities across Wasatch Community Gardens programs

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience in gardening
- College degree not required but relevant college work will be noted
- Experience working with youth aged 5-12
- Ability to work with limited supervision and a willingness to work some evening and weekend hours

Required Qualifications

- Strong computer skills including the Microsoft Suite and the Google Apps
- Affinity for photography
- Ability to work within a budget creatively
- Ability and desire to work outside
- Ability to lift 40 pounds
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Highly organized with the ability to juggle multiple issues, deadlines, and responsibilities
- Fluent in both Spanish and English

Applicant must submit to and clear a background check.

Hours

Flexible full time 40 hours/week with some evenings and weekends required.

Salary and Benefits

Compensation will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Includes health insurance, employer matched retirement plan, paid holidays, and generous vacation package. Compensation starts at \$30,000.

To Apply

Send cover letter; resume; names, titles and phone numbers of three professional references to liz@wasatchgardens. Please put "School Garden Coordinator" in the subject line. Applications without a cover letter will not be considered.