



Job Description: Summer 2015 Youth Program Instructors

Please submit resume and cover letter to <growingpoweril@aol.com> by March 31st

About Growing Power

Growing Power is a national nonprofit organization and land trust supporting people from diverse backgrounds, and the environments in which they live, by helping to provide equal access to healthy, high-quality, safe and affordable food for people in all communities.

Growing Power Youth Corps is a farm based educational, youth development and employment program. It offers youth from low-income and/or under privileged backgrounds both academic and professional experience. By participating in all aspects of farm production, teens explore the science behind farming and the skills required to develop sustainable food systems. In addition to daily farmwork, teens take part in nutrition, hunger, cooking, work readiness, food justice and food politics activities.

Position Description

The Youth Program Instructor will specifically focus on providing instruction during the Growing Power Youth Corps Summer Program, a six-week program focused on farming, community food system development and leadership opportunities. The Youth Program Instructor will co-facilitate large group activities for 35+ teens and provide lead instruction and supervision for breakout sessions of up to 17 teens.

Primary responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Recruitment, supervision and orientation of Youth Corps Participants
- Independently deliver Growing Power Curriculum to up to 17 students in a farm setting. Co-facilitate large group activities for up to 35 teens.
- Maintain organized student paperwork and daily attendance
- Coordination and planning of summer lesson plans and curriculum in partnership with Youth Program Coordinator

Desired Qualifications

- Youth leadership development experience and skills.
- Experience teaching in an interactive, project-based environment.
- Experience and knowledge of food systems and organic sustainable farming.
- Ability to establish and maintain positive working relationships with teens, parents, community partners and residents.
- Excellent organizational, communication and follow-through skills.
- Maintains appropriate professional boundaries in working with teens.
- Ability to think critically and creatively.
- Ability to work as part of a team in a collaborative environment.
- Passion for food justice, dismantling racism, youth development and urban farming!

Duration: 8 weeks, June 2015 – August 2015 (exact dates TBD)

Compensation: Hourly, commensurate with experience



Open Positions:

Carpentry/Infrastructure Development: Looking for individual with experience working with young people and the ability to lead a small group in infrastructure development and construction. Group will work on fabricating hoop houses, onsite storage and office space. Ability to travel and occasional work on the farm, as needed.

Bike Literacy and Safety: Looking for individual with experience working with young people and the ability to lead a small group in bike literacy and safety. Group will work on minor repairs to existing bike fleet, safe riding skills, and expand our mobile veggie market and home delivery services. Ability to travel and occasional work on the farm, as needed.

College and Career Readiness: Looking for individual with experience working with young people and the ability to lead a small group in online financial literacy program and workshops in relation to resume building, interviewing, college application process, etc. Knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel desired. Ability to travel and occasional work on the farm, as needed.

Public Art: Looking for individual with experience working with young people and the ability to lead a small group in public art works such as: murals, community weaving, interactive theater, painting projects, etc. Ability to travel and occasional work on the farm, as needed.

Farm Educator (West Side): Looking for individual with experience working with young people and the ability to teach a multidisciplinary youth program at a farm. Will lead teens in daily farm work and facilitate workshops on science, nutrition, hunger, cooking, work readiness, food justice and food politics activities.. Ability to travel and occasional work on the farm, as needed.

Farm Educator (South Side): Looking for individual with experience working with young people and the ability to teach a multidisciplinary youth program at a farm. Will lead teens in daily farm work and facilitate workshops on science, nutrition, hunger, cooking, work readiness, food justice and food politics activities. Ability to travel and occasional work on the farm, as needed.