

# Summer 2020 Garden Educator Internship

Part-time, volunteer internship for Project GROWS  
60 total hours minimum (up to 120 hours available)



**Organization Overview:** Project GROWS is a 501(c)3 nonprofit educational farm with a mission to improve the overall health of children and youth in Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County, Virginia. We cultivate health by connecting children to nutritious food through 1) hands-on, garden-based education and 2) access to healthy local food.

**Position Overview:** Project GROWS is seeking an intern to assist with our on-farm summer educational programming for K-12 students at a minimum of 60 total hours over the summer of 2020 (June-July). The Garden Educator Intern will facilitate outdoor educational stations during weekly student field trips, and will be a camp counselor during Little GROWers Camp and Little Chefs Camp. All programs take place on our 10-acre vegetable farm in Verona. In addition to lesson delivery, this intern will join the Food Education planning team for the summer and will play a key role in designing camp curriculum. The Garden Educator Intern will report directly to the Education Manager.

## **Commitment:**

Summer 2020 (Approximately June 1st through July 24th). Hours will be arranged based on applicant's availability and/or desired credits, but will be between 60 and 120 total hours.

## **Compensation:**

This is an unpaid internship. Please state in your application if you are looking to receive course credit or service learning hours for this internship.

## **Responsibilities:**

- Facilitate educational stations at field trip to the Project GROWS farm in Verona, VA
- Assist with set up and tear down of field trips, and participate in staff "debriefs" before and after field trips
- Serve as a camp counselor during our one-week, 5-day Little GROWers Summer Camp
- Serve as a camp counselor during our one-week, 5-day Little Chefs Summer Camp
- Assist in designing camp curriculum and writing lessons as part of a collaborative planning team
- Other duties as assigned

## **Requirements:**

- Can commit to a weekly schedule that aligns with program dates and times
- A valid driver's license, reliable transportation, and cell phone communication
- Ability to lift up to 50 pounds
- Comfortable working outside
- Able to pass a criminal background check

## **Desired qualifications:**

- Interest in nutrition, school gardening, child health, local food, agriculture, youth engagement, etc.
- Experience working with youth and/or gardening preferred
- Excellent, professional written and oral communication skills
- Comfortable juggling a variety of tasks – organized, and self-motivated
- Energetic, enthusiastic, and engaging

**To apply please send a letter of interest, two references and a resume to Nichole Barrows, Education Manager, at [nichole@projectgrows.org](mailto:nichole@projectgrows.org). Include in the letter your schedule of availability.**

**Application Deadline: April 15, 2020**

## Program Descriptions

### Project GROWS On-Farm Field Trips

At Project GROWS, we know that kids who garden eat more veggies. Field trips to Project GROWS immerse students in a hands-on, experiential, outdoor learning environment at our 10-acre farm where they can discover how and where vegetables are grown, make connections between the classroom and the farm, participate in age-appropriate farm tasks with their classmates, and explore healthy eating through tasting and cooking. Field trips involve exploration of the education space, production beds, sensory garden, greenhouse, high tunnels, and pollinator garden. Students range in ages from preschool to high school.



### Little GROWers Summer Day Camp (June, 1 week total, Week of June 15)

In this Monday through Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm camp, children ages 5-8 experience the journey of a vegetable from farm to table. Little GROWers work together to make delicious snacks from vegetables they harvest themselves, taste-test a variety of produce, spend time tending the garden, go on scavenger hunts, and play games to explore the many colors of the farm. Curriculum includes lessons about our amazing pollinator friends like bees that make farming possible, the mystery of soil and compost, and the benefits of farm animals like chickens and cows. With help from camp staff, Little GROWers complete a Five Day Challenge to prepare and eat a healthy snack every day themselves. Campers will leave with recipes, gardening and food preparation skills, and an appreciation of where our food comes from!

### Little Chefs Summer Day Camp (July, 1 week total, Week of June 22)

This camp takes place at the same times and for the same age group as Little GROWers, but occurs on a different, non-consecutive week of the summer and focuses more specifically on food preparation, cooking, and meal planning skills. Campers make more complicated recipes using farm produce, and prepare a full meal together on the last day.

### Important Program Dates:

| JUNE  | JULY   |
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| <b>Week of June 1st:</b> Start date, orientation, & training                      | Field trips are held <b>every Wednesday and Friday morning</b> of July ( <b>Intern hours are 9:00-12:00.</b> ) |
| <b>Week of June 15</b> (8:00-12:30, Monday through Friday)<br>Little GROWers Camp | Interns may attend other educational programs as needed in July.   |
| <b>Week of June 22</b> (8:00-12:30, Monday through Friday)<br>Little Chefs Camp   | End date: Week of July 20th  |

*Please note that our farm is located in Verona, VA, so please account for travel time when considering your availability. Yes, interns may take a week off as needed for vacation as long as it is not the same week as Little GROWers camp or Little Chefs camp.*

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