



Avery House Nature Center
A Program of the Corvallis Environmental Center
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Internship and Volunteer Opportunities

Avery House Nature Center, a Nature education program of the Corvallis Environmental Center, is seeking students and community members that wish to gain experience in the following areas:

- Working with Local Youth, Ages 3 -14
- Teaching Concepts focused on Local Ecosystems & Environmental Stewardship
- Using Place-Based, Informal Education Techniques
- Facilitating Outdoor Activities to Engage Youth Physically and Mentally
- Assisting with Lesson Planning and Curriculum Development & Organization
- Learning about Non-Profit Management
- Marketing, Advertising, and Community Outreach & Event Planning
- Blogging & Social Networking

At Avery House Nature Center we believe in an interdisciplinary approach to connecting youth with Nature.

Our internships work well for students interested in or majoring in: Education (Including Formal, Informal, Early, and Secondary), Forestry & Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife, Environmental Science, and Public Health. However any student, regardless of major, is welcome to apply as long as it is approved by an advisor. Through our Summer Internships you can earn 3 academic credits; a minimum of 100 hours is required to receive these credits.

Volunteer opportunities are also available for anyone interested in gaining experience in the field through hands on experiences. A minimum of 100 hours over a period of six months is required of our volunteers who want to work directly with children. Please look at our Summer Camp offerings to decide if there are any sessions you are particularly interested in, and which weeks/times you will be available to volunteer. Our NaturePlay Preschool class also needs volunteers, and that class is held every Thursday during the summer.

There are also numerous ways to gain experience and contribute to our organization without working directly with youth and these opportunities have no hourly requirements. We are always looking for volunteers willing to contribute to our land/naturescaping, curriculum & display development, marketing, advertising, social networks, blog, and general organizational management.

General Responsibilities (*include, but are not limited to*):

- Assist AHNC staff teaching during our Nature Education Summer Camps.
- Explore and investigate nature outdoors – get dirty and have fun discovering Corvallis!
- Assist in the research and development of new lesson plans to add to the current curriculum for our education programs.
- Assist in the research and development of additional sustainability/environmental

stewardship topics, activities, learning tools and games to be incorporated into current and future curriculum.

- Assist in running, developing and creating interactive displays for DaVinci Days and similar community outreach events.
- Write at least one well researched, original and journalistic article for our blog - The NaturePlay Way.
- Assist in the care and handling of our Education Animals.

Preferred Qualifications

- Knowledge of the Natural Sciences and local ecosystems – informal knowledge is acceptable
- Ability to bike and follow bike safety rules
- CPR and First/Aid Certified
- Knowledge of local natural areas
- Previous experience working with children

To Apply Please visit our website www.corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org/averyhouse. Under the Internships and Volunteer Opportunities tab you will find an application. We process all of our applications electronically. Also, a background check will be required for all volunteers and interns working with youth during our summer programs. Internship applications are due May 15th, and begin June 10th. If any volunteers or interns need CPR/First Aid, a class offered at a discounted price should be available Saturday, June 15th.

*Please contact us with any questions or concerns via email -
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