



Farm to School Educator Position Description

Job Title: Farm to School Educator

Pay Rate: \$10/hr

Begin and End Dates: August 26, 2019 – May 8, 2020

Work Schedule: Days dependent on student's schedule; must be available between 8 am and 4 pm at least one day per week

Hours per week: 5 – 15 hours per week

Overview of Organization:

Gallatin Valley Farm to School cultivates healthy kids, vibrant farms and strong communities by connecting schools and local producers in the Gallatin Valley, Montana. Through these connections Gallatin Valley Farm to School (GVF2S) aims to cultivate healthy kids, vibrant farms and strong communities. Our three program areas—cafeteria, classroom, and community--encompass the full circle of farm to school programs. This allows us to ensure the most success by pairing educational efforts with changes in the school food environment.

Position Summary:

GVF2S' work study program offers people interested in food and garden education the chance to gain experience teaching in our interactive and engaging programs in school gardens, classrooms and in the community. Work study educators work in collaboration with GVF2S staff and partners to support the organization's farm to school programming for students in grades K-8. This includes teaching garden, local food, agriculture and nutrition-related activities in gardens, classrooms, afterschool programs and on the Bozone Ozone Bus mobile greenhouse and maintaining school gardens. Training is provided for these duties. Specific descriptions of our programs are included below:

Garden, Classroom and Afterschool Programs: GVF2S leads science, nutrition, garden and local food lessons on weekly basis to kindergarten through fifth grade students in the Gallatin Valley. The work study educator supports the education team in developing and implementing school-based programs. Primary duties include planning and co-teaching lessons with GVF2S education staff either during the school day or in the after school programs and helping maintain the



school gardens. All work study students will be trained in teaching and gardening methods and supported by staff throughout the year in this position.

Bozone Ozone Bus: GVF2S owns the Bozone Ozone Bus (BOB), a mobile greenhouse. We visit elementary and middle schools across the Gallatin Valley with BOB to teach children science, nutrition, sustainability and agriculture-based lessons. The work study educator may be responsible for helping care for plants on BOB, co-leading lessons on the bus with GVF2S education staff, and other associated tasks.

Primary duties:

- Support the Education Director and GVF2S educators in planning and implementing programming in classrooms and after school programs in the Gallatin Valley.
- Prepare and co-teach farm to school education activities related to nutrition, food, and gardening during these programs.
- Assist with school garden and Bozone Ozone Bus care and maintenance.
- Complete weekly reporting and social media promotion and a curriculum summary for program.
- Other related duties as needed.

Skills & Qualifications:

- Interest in community-based gardening, school gardening, food systems, food security, nutrition, cooking and/or community health.
- Professional or student in Sustainable Foods, Nutrition and Food Science, Education, Agriculture, Environmental Science, Biology or related field.
- Ability and interest to work with a variety of ages (kindergartners through adults) and personality types.
- Basic gardening knowledge or willingness to learn.
- Experience or interest in youth education (formal or informal).
- Sense of humor and positive rapport with children.
- Able and willing to work independently as well as in partnership with program staff and interns.
- Ability to be flexible due to shifting needs of the program, students and gardens.
- Willingness to take initiative and motivation to seek new learning opportunities.
- Strong work ethic and ability to interact with the public in a professional and courteous manner.



- Be able to move materials weighing up to 30 pounds, travel on unpredictable terrain at farms and other education locations, and be able to bend, twist and perform other physical tasks related to gardening and cooking.
- Be eligible for MSU work study and responsible for maintaining eligibility status.

Application Process:

To apply, submit the following materials by email to Erin Jackson, Education Director, at erin@gvfarmtoschool.org.

- Completed application, including three professional references
- Cover letter
- Resume

Exact internship schedule and duties will be determined based on intern availability and interests, so please be as specific as possible on your application.

An informational screening including reference, criminal history, background, and driver's license check will be required.

For further information regarding Gallatin Valley Farm to School, please refer to our website: www.gvfarmtoschool.org. For questions about the position, contact Erin Jackson at erin@gvfarmtoschool.org or (406) 219-7929. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the positions are filled.