

Middle Fork Willamette



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Internship Announcement

Title:	Education Assistant
Location:	Dexter, Oregon (Eugene/Springfield to Oakridge Area)
Status:	8-10 hour/week internship, credit possible
Duration:	Per term, or school year
Compensation:	Internship credit and / or small stipend negotiable
Position closes:	October 7th, 2016, or until filled

Background

The Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council seeks a youth education assistant to assist with the implementation of the Council's Watershed Rangers youth education program. This position works closely with the council's education and outreach coordinator to deliver place-based watershed education to youth grades 3-8, enrolled in schools within the Middle Fork Willamette watershed.

The Middle Fork Willamette watershed is located southeast of Eugene-Springfield, comprised of approximately 870,000 acres. With its headwaters in the western Cascades, the upper watershed is a recreation paradise. Waldo Lake, the North Fork Middle Fork Willamette River, numerous high Cascade lakes, and hundreds of miles of trail in the Oakridge area alone make the Middle Fork an incredibly rewarding geography to work and play in. The watershed provides the cities of Oakridge, Westfir, Lowell, Springfield, and soon, Eugene with high quality drinking water. The watershed supports aquatic and terrestrial species, including populations of bull trout, Oregon chub, spring Chinook salmon, rainbow and cutthroat trout, resident and migratory lamprey, western pond turtles, bald eagles, numerous avian species, as well as rare and priority habitats such as oak savanna and oak woodlands, prairie, and dry forests. The watershed contains rich and diverse ecosystems with significant opportunity for restoration and enhancement.

The Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council (MFWWC) is a 501c3 non-profit organization with a volunteer-based partnership of diverse watershed stakeholders whose mission is to make the Middle Fork Willamette watershed a better place to live, work, and recreate. Our restoration program is guided by the Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Headwaters to Confluence 10-Year Action Plan (www.mfwwc.org), as well as our 5-year Strategic Plan (2015-2019). The MFWWC is a partner locally in the Rivers to Ridges Partnership (www.rivers2ridges.org), and regionally in the Willamette River Initiative (www.willametteinitiative.org). Our office is located at the beautiful Elijah Bristow State Park in Dexter, Oregon.

Primary Responsibilities

- Assist with the delivery of classroom and field activities, under the direction of the Education Coordinator.
- Manage youth education supply inventory.
- Prepare curriculum materials and field kits for each new classroom lesson and/or field activity.
- Assist in adjusting or developing new curriculum and/or field activities to meet teacher expectations and standard education benchmarks.
- Take photographs and write articles about the youth education program.
- Assist with the recruitment, management, and retention of youth education program volunteers.

Desired Qualifications / Attributes

- Adaptive and motivated self-starter.
- Ability to work individually, and as part of a collaborative team, as needed.
- Excellent communication skills – both verbally and in writing.
- Experience working with and overseeing volunteer groups (students and adults) on restoration projects.
- Computer proficiency including Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint – Adobe design software experience preferred.
- Valid Oregon driver's license, reliable personal transportation, and willingness to work early mornings, evenings, and/or weekends during busy times of the year.
- Ability to work outdoors in various weather conditions.
- Passion and enthusiasm for the Middle Fork Willamette watershed and connecting people to nature.

To Apply

Please submit a single PDF file containing a resume, detailed cover letter (not to exceed two pages), and three professional references by October 7th, 2016 via e-mail ("Youth Education Assistant – your last name" in the subject line) to Michelle Emmons, education@mfwwc.org.

Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer.