



## Outdoor Education Intern Job Description

**Reports To:** Conservation Associate

**Job Status:** Full-time, 12-week temporary position for summer 2018

**Location:** Bremerton, WA

### Description

Over the coming summer [Great Peninsula Conservancy](#) (GPC) aims to pilot a new program, Bremerton Urban Roots, which creates opportunities for youth in the city of Bremerton to learn about their local environment through hands-on service projects and outdoor environmental experiences. These outdoor experiences will take place at GPC conservation properties and other local parks/preserves, and will target groups of 20-30 youth participants. The pilot project will engage youth participants 2-3 days a week for 8 weeks from June to August 2018, and include a mix of service projects and field trips led by GPC and a rotating group of volunteer guest mentors.

Field trip activities will include a mix of teaching the youth participants new skills (such as orienteering and plant/animal identification), having fun outside, and introducing them to important environmental concepts. These outdoor experiences will also help to introduce youth to career paths they may never have considered, and connect them with professionals who may be able to help them secure internships or jobs in the environmental sector. The program will also include a service component in which the youth will plan, build, and manage a small community garden in downtown west Bremerton.

The Outdoor Education Intern will assist Great Peninsula Conservancy in launching this program, and introduce teens and youth in 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade to outdoor recreation, environmental concepts, and conservation careers. The Outdoor Education Intern will also provide guidance and logistical support to help the teens and youth create a small urban vegetable garden in downtown Bremerton.

### Responsibilities

- Works with the Conservation Associate to create outdoor education programming for a multicultural group of teens and youth, including lesson plans and activities.
- Assists the Conservation Associate in engaging natural resource management professionals and environmental educators to become guest mentors.
- Organizes garden work days, and leads youth and adult volunteers to plant, weed, water, and harvest vegetables.
- Plans and organizes outdoor events, including hiking trips, kayaking, and potentially one overnight camping trip at the end of the summer.
- Supports the Conservation Associate with other tasks related to the Bremerton Urban Roots program, including but not limited to:

- Designing and implementing an outcomes-based program evaluation.
- Taking photos for social media, and writing blog posts for Great Peninsula Conservancy's website.

### **Qualifications**

- Experience working with and mentoring teens and youth, ideally in an outdoor setting.
- One year or more of college classes in environmental science, education, or a related field.
- Ability to work effectively with a diverse range of people.
- Comfortable leading a group of youth in a range of settings, including on hikes.
- Positive attitude with exceptional interpersonal and communication skills.
- Sensitive to participants' needs, and dedicated to helping them succeed.
- Ability to take initiative and produce results.
- Enthusiastic, passionate, and able to make outdoor education fun.
- Reliable and organized, with strong time management skills.
- Strong planning and problem solving skills, and adaptability.
- Commitment to the mission of Great Peninsula Conservancy.
- Valid driver's license.
- Must pass a basic background check.

### **Terms of Employment**

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| Hours per week: | 30-40   |
| Start date:     | May   |
| End date:       | August  |
| Compensation:   | \$12.50 to \$14.50/hour depending on experience |
| Benefits:       | 1 hour paid sick leave per 40 hours worked      |

### **To Apply**

Please submit a cover letter and resume to Brenna Thompson, Conservation Associate, at [brenna@greatpeninsula.org](mailto:brenna@greatpeninsula.org). Your cover letter should address any professional and personal experience that is relevant to this position. No phone calls please.

### **Timeline**

Deadline for applications is April 9, 2018. Interviews will be scheduled the week of April 16, and a selection will be made soon after. Start dates and end dates are somewhat flexible, but we anticipate this position lasting 12 weeks from May to August.

***Great Peninsula Conservancy is an equal opportunity employer.***