

Salem Harvest

Harvest Management Internship - Salem, Oregon

Salem Harvest is an all-volunteer community harvesting organization and a project of the Friends of Salem Saturday Market non-profit organization. We connect neighbors to fresh fruits and vegetables growing both on farms and in backyards which would otherwise go to waste. Salem Harvest gives half of each harvest to neighborhood food pantries affiliated with Marion-Polk Food Share, and harvest volunteers take home the other half for their own pantries and to share with their own neighbors.

Job Details:

Part-time. Up to 10 hours per week. Flexible hours, evenings and weekends. Four internships available: Two from May to July 2011, and two from mid-July to mid-Sept 2011.

Unpaid. May receive academic credit. Intern will receive generous portions of fresh, local produce.

This internship will enhance a student's abilities in several disciplines: understanding sustainable food production, planning and managing multifaceted events, managing groups of people, and building communication skills.

Job Description:

- Assist with planning & leading community harvests.
- Participate in site scout visits to farms and backyards to meet the growers and homeowners and plan the harvest.
- Assist the Harvest Leader (or co-lead) on-site at Farm Harvests and Backyard Harvests with set up, orientation, management, and take-down of the harvest.
- Assist with volunteer outreach.
- Assist with community outreach.
- Assist in reaching out to the leaders of local food pantries to make them aware of harvesting opportunities for their food pantry clients.

The student will work with other members of the Salem Harvest team on tasks and once trained, will be responsible for coordinating and co-leading entire harvests. Interns will be invited to board meetings to give input on operations. We are always improving our procedures and the ideas of our interns will be considered valuable. Interns will have the ability to leave an enduring mark on our organization and its ability to serve the community.

Applicant Qualifications:

This internship would suit an individual who:

- Is comfortable talking to new people, organized, and reliable.
- Has an interest in hunger issues or local sustainable food.
- Has strong oral and written communication skills.
- Has an interest in being outdoors. Much of the work takes place outdoors and requires physical fitness. Interns need to be able to set up tables, and move orchard ladders and other equipment.

How To Apply:

Send resume and short cover letter discussing what you hope to learn from your internship and your interest in sustainable agriculture and/or hunger issues : reaston@salemharvest.org

Application Deadline: April 15, 2012