



YAMPA RIVER BOTANIC PARK HORTICULTURE INTERN

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INTERNSHIP: The Yampa River Botanic Park seeks a Horticulture Intern to join its team in the summer of 2021. The Intern works to maintain and improve the Botanic Park which sees approximately 35,000 visitors annually between May and October. The 6-acre high altitude garden, located in Steamboat Springs, Colorado is a place of serenity, celebrating the trees, shrubs, plants and birds of the Yampa River Basin. The Botanic Park is home to 500 trees 60 individual gardens which feature native and adaptive plants.

NATURE OF WORK: This internship is intended to provide hands on experience in public horticulture. The Intern performs the daily tasks and responsibilities of a public garden horticulturist. The Internship runs from approximately mid-May through August, and can fulfill up to a 600 hour graduation requirement. Interns are expected to work 40 hour weeks, but the schedule is flexible with some time needed in the evenings and on weekends.

COMPENSATION: \$14.70/hour

PRINCIPAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The duties listed below are essential job functions that this position has been created to perform.

- General horticulture tasks including: pruning, seeding, fertilizing, top dressing, soil conditioning, watering, pest control, and weed control.
- Plants and maintains trees, shrubs, perennials, and annuals.
- Plant propagation and nursery management.
- Maintains trails, walkways, signage, and plant markers.
- Operates small equipment including mowers and string trimmers as assigned.
- Assists with Botanic Park special events as needed.
- Assists in setting up and taking down equipment for various community events including, Music on the Green, weddings, and other facility rental reservations.
- Works with part time seasonal staff and volunteers.
- Interacts with visitors and answers visitor's questions about the Botanic Park, plants, and culture.

- Performs janitorial and custodial work as required including: trash removal, cleaning the building and restrooms, opens and closes, locks and unlocks facilities as needed.

PERIPHERAL DUTIES

Works with the Botanic Park Manager and Supervisor to identify and implement a special project aligned with the current needs of the Botanic Park and the Intern's skill set. Project ideas include, but are not limited to: landscape design, an individual garden renovation, the plant database, GIS mapping of trees, interpretive signage, and soil fertility management evaluation.

QUALIFICATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS:

- Applicants must be currently enrolled in a college or university horticulture, landscape architecture, botany, or similar program, or graduated within the past year.
- Valid Driver License

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

- Some knowledge of equipment, materials and supplies used in grounds maintenance
- Some knowledge of first aid and applicable safety precautions
- Ability to adapt, take initiative, work independently, and complete daily activities according to work schedule
- Ability to establish effective working relationships with employees, supervisors, volunteers, and the public
- Strong verbal and written communication skills

To apply, please submit a cover letter explaining your interest in this internship and your horticultural interests and goals, a résumé, and unofficial transcript. Submit to Jennifer MacNeil, Botanic Park Manager, jmacneil@steamboatsprings.net. Applications close March 1, 2021. E.O.E.