

Service Learning Internship Job Description

SITE: PELION GARDEN

Pelion can support 3-4 interns

Please read the entire description before applying.

SHIFT: Monday-Friday from 8:15-12:15 (some additional times are possible for making up missed hours)

This hands-on experience would be most beneficial for students interested in: Environmental Activism, Nature, Biology, Teaching, Science, Ecology, Agriculture/food, Horticulture, Public Service, Landscaping, and/or Urban Planning. Crew members learn a variety of practical tasks which may be applied in several careers. Crew members must be comfortable working with people/children from a variety of backgrounds. There are opportunities to supervise and lead groups; crew members should be able to work independently and within a group. There is some manual labor required, as well as, tasks referred to as "chores." Crew members should be flexible as tasks do fluctuate somewhat based on weather and other factors. Crew members should have the ability to report to the garden and/or HQ on Northampton St depending on weather and task list.

DRESSCODE: casual work clothes, sneakers or boots, sun hat/cap, and/or work gloves. Interns should expect to get a little dirty/muddy depending on weather. Bringing a spare/change of shoes/shirt might be a good idea if you have a class or other job to attend after the shift. We will be outside most of the time; it tends to get very hot by midday.

Tasks will include:

- Planting/Tending/Watering/Harvesting plants and vegetables at Pelion Garden
- We do use a fire hose (to water) and wheelbarrows and yard tools; a little bit of muscle is helpful.
- Assist/Lead instruction of visiting schools/groups on a field trip; *must be comfortable* working with younger students.
- Assist/Lead tasks with younger children and/or teenagers visiting for summer service projects. *Must be comfortable* coaching teenagers and keeping them on-task.
- Assist with making sure all garden visitors, and peers, behave safely
- Pruning and monitoring the tree canopy in our neighborhood
- Painting garden signs, touching up pots and other garden furnishings.
- Directing tours and short activities
- Small building projects that require hand tools, power tools and/or carpentry
- Canvassing the neighborhood to share invitations to garden events and/or information about the garden
- Digging, transplanting, weeding, mulching, mowing and other tasks necessary to maintain the appearance of the garden i.e. some "manual labor"

- Working off-site with invasive species removal, neighborhood cleanups and other collaborative projects.

Crew members report to Pelion Garden 206 Best St
Garden Manager, Caesandra Seawell, 716-803-5566, peliongarden@gmail.com

This employment has been a lot of FUN for many teenagers; however, it is not the right fit for everyone.

PHOTOS of our previous summer crew members