

Name of Organization: Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest
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Description of Organization: Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest includes a 600-acre arboretum and 14,000 acres of natural areas in beautiful north central Kentucky. Bernheim is the Official Arboretum of Kentucky. The natural areas are managed for the protection of Kentucky native species and natural communities. Bernheim's vision is to be a nationally treasured leader in ecological stewardship that inspires the exploration of our deep connections with nature. We deliver our mission of "Connecting People with Nature" to over 200,000 visitors annually through actions and programs designed to encourage the exploration of the outdoors, promote stewardship and demonstrate the value of biological diversity. Bernheim is located just 20 minutes south of Louisville, the largest city in Kentucky. Key facilities at Bernheim include a LEED platinum visitor center, research center and 40-acre plant nursery, an education center, and an expanded trail system.

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Type: Edible Garden Intern

Internship Description: Across the nation, people are experiencing a significant shift in thinking about the food they consume and an increased interest in locally grown foods. The Louisville community has seen a growth of farmers markets, an increased use and promotion of locally produced foods by acclaimed local chefs and an increased presence of locally grown and produced specialty products on the shelves of local businesses. One of Bernheim's mission-driven goals is to provide an understanding of the ecological impacts of large and small scale gardening and how the choices we make affect our "footprint" on the earth. To this end, Bernheim is designing an innovative community garden which highlights the relationships of plants and people, demonstrates regenerative design and ecosystem gardening techniques, sparks and expands the imagination and enlightens the principles of science and nature in living systems through pioneering health, math and science programming. Bernheim's sustainable community garden will focus on edible plants and landscapes to help visitors of all ages and background understand how they can grow food themselves, at home or in their community. Integral to the design of the garden is the integration of nature art and art created by artists. Hands-on workshops will build much of this garden.

This position is a chance to work in a beautiful, rewarding and innovative place, to learn and to apply regenerative design concepts to gardening. This position entails a 40 hour work week/Monday thru Friday; weekends as needed.

Housing Available

Duration: Three (3) months

Compensation: \$9.25/per hour

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Planning, scheduling, and planting, of edible plant species
- Assist with raised bed maintenance, landscape design, and other garden tasks
- Harvest and rotate out crops for successive planting
- Work closely with Visitor's Services/Café to utilize the ongoing harvest
- Work with volunteer program – develop timely tasks and implement
- Assist in the collection and development of web based information that will support public knowledge about the project
- Provide support for workshops and public programs offered at the Bernheim related to the project
- Participate in weekly design and development meetings throughout the internship.
- Assist in on-site work projects related to construction and installation of Edible Garden design projects

Qualifications/Skills Needed: We are looking for a self-starting, creative and hardworking individual who is capable of working independently and as part of a team. Applicants should be able to demonstrate some experience and interest in sustainability, ecosystem gardening, local foods, farming and the relationship between food, environment and community. Successful candidates must also have good communication skills, both written and oral, and be able to communicate and interact with the public. Computer skills related to information sharing (web sites, blogging, spread sheets, etc) is preferred. Applicant must be able to lift 50 pounds. Applicant must be able to pass a physical and drug screening. Applicant must have a valid driver's license.

Application Requirements:

- Resume
- Cover Letter