Betty Ford Alpine Gardens

Located at 8,200 ft., Betty Ford Alpine Gardens is North America’s highest botanic garden with a world class collection of alpine and rock garden plants. Interns participate in a variety of learning activities in the Gardens, participate in field trips to regional public gardens and conduct plant identification outings on mountain hikes. In addition, interns gain valuable hands on experience working with the volunteers and learning specific gardening techniques from garden staff.

Interns may complete a project related to their particular field of study or one of specific need of the Gardens. Recent intern projects have contributed greatly to our Volunteer and Children’s Programs, Conservation and research programs, and garden design. The internship projects and work offer valuable learning opportunities and are also essential for the success of the Gardens.

Curatorial

Internship Responsibilities:

This is an opportunity to gain hands-on experience identifying and cultivating alpine and western native plants in a botanic garden setting. The internship will focus on learning about plant acquisitions, identification, labeling, and documentation of the living collections using BG-base software

- 3 month position, beginning mid-May through August
- Monday – Friday & occasional weekend duties
- Learn to identify a variety of alpine plants, perennials, shrubs, and trees
- Work with BG Base program to update plants in the collection
- Assist horticulture staff with some garden maintenance projects
- Collect seed of alpine and rock garden plants
- Assist garden staff on research and conservation projects
- Update and develop the plant label program

Application Requirements:

- Current enrollment or degree in Horticulture, Botany, or Environmental Science related field
- Attention to detail and organization
- Experience with plant identification and using a key
- Experience with BG Base software or related program
- Some experience with gardening is helpful

Housing & Compensation
- $9.00/hr @ 40 hours per week
- Housing assistance is provided close to the Gardens
- Personal vehicle not required but suggested

Application

- Fill out application here at [http://bettyfordalpinegardens.org/internship-application-form/](http://bettyfordalpinegardens.org/internship-application-form/)
- Send resume and cover letter with 3 references to nick@bettyfordalpinegardens.org or by mail to 183 Gore Creek Dr. suite 7, Vail, CO 81657 or by fax at 970-476-1685
- Application deadline is February 20, 2014
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