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.

Education

Internship Responsibilities:

The intern will advance his/her teaching and educational leadership skills in environmental education in a public garden setting

- 3 month position, beginning mid-May through August
- Monday – Friday & occasional weekend duties
- Conduct weekly children’s programs and discovery cart activities for ages 4-10
- Develop and implement new educational programming for children and adults
- Assist with Horticulture Therapy programs
- Work with Horticulture staff to maintain garden areas while learning Alpine and western native plants
- Assist garden staff on other educational related projects

Application Requirements:

The right candidate should have a strong interest in Environmental Education with an appreciation or interest in learning more about Public Gardens.

- Current enrollment or degree in Education, Botany, or Environmental Science related field
- Experience with teaching small programs for children
- Some experience with gardening
- Positive and creative attitude
- Attention to detail and organization

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/
• 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 dead line is February 20, 2014
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