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.

Garden Maintenance

Internship Responsibilities:

By working alongside Garden staff, the intern will advance his/her horticulture and leadership skills

- 3 month position, beginning mid-May through August
- Monday – Friday & occasional weekend duties
- Hands-on garden maintenance including irrigation maintenance
- Study alpine plants, plant care, design and garden management
- Coordinating and training of garden volunteers
- Assist curatorial intern with identifying and labeling plant collection

Application Requirements:

The right candidate will have a passion for learning about the garden, horticulture, plants, and leadership.

- Practical experience in gardening required
- Current enrollment or degree in horticulture or related field
- Passion for plants and gardening
- Candidate will demonstrate a commitment to working in the field of horticulture
- 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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