Urban Farm/Garden & Sustainability Internship, The Northwest School - Summer 2019

Are you passionate about environmental sustainability? Interested in learning more about urban agriculture, local food systems, and growing food in the city? Do you enjoy being outdoors, building things, and getting soil under your fingernails? If so, apply to be an NWS Urban Farm/Garden & Sustainability summer intern!

Starting in 2016, NWS students have been designing and building a campus farm and garden on half of an outdoor basketball court and adjacent lot near the main school building. This space is ever-evolving, and is intended to be a student-managed outdoor lab, creative space, demonstration space for sustainable urban agriculture practices, and food producing space on campus.

Internship Dates, Times, & Logistics

- Week of July 8 – August 16, 2019 (dates can be flexible, as long as you commit to a minimum of 6 weeks and we agree on the dates ahead of time).
- 10am-4pm, three days/week (T-W-Th), with the occasional daylong field trip to volunteer on other urban farms in Seattle or visit other food systems related sites.
- This is an unpaid, educational internship; interns will work as a team to manage the NWS farm/garden areas and collaborate with Jenny Cooper, Director of Environmental Education & Sustainability, on a variety of projects related to the NWS Urban Farm/Garden.

You Are...

- Passionate about environmental sustainability and finding ways to further strengthen sustainability efforts at your school.
- Able to work effectively independently and collaboratively in teams.
- Inquisitive, intellectually curious, and excited to learn.
- Reliable and timely.
- Excited to give tours and share the farm/garden with NWS summer campers.
- Available for the entirety of the internship dates (or equivalent).
- A rising 9th – 12th grader.
- Interested in gaining experiences and developing skills in urban agriculture, chicken care, gardening/farming, leadership, and engaging in environmental issues.

Interns Will...

- Care for the NWS Urban Farm/Garden: water, weed, plant, harvest, plan, and care for chickens.
- Assist with any summer camp classes that would like to use or visit the Urban Farm/Garden.
- Take on at least one additional independent or team project related to the NWS Urban Farm/Garden, which could include:
  - Designing and building vertical herb garden/tower;
  - Designing and building hydroponic growing space;
  - Research projects on the potential to add a mini-wind turbine or solar panel, aquaponics, and/or other physical elements;
  - Designing and painting a mural; building furniture; or any other compelling, well thought out, related project that you are interested in pursuing.
To Apply

- Application deadline Friday, May 17 2019
- To apply, please email the following to Jenny.Cooper@northwestschool.org with “2019 Summer Internship” in the subject line:
  - Full name, phone number, and grade you’ll be entering in Fall 2019.
  - A list of your extracurricular activities, and/or previous work/internship experience (include the dates, organization, and type of involvement for each), and/or interests.
  - A Word document or PDF with your typed responses to the following questions (~1 paragraph for each question):
    ■ What inspired you to apply for NWS Urban Farm/Garden & Sustainability Internship?
    ■ What are three goals you would like to accomplish this summer? (These can be related, or unrelated, to this internship.)
    ■ If you could change one thing about your school to improve the school’s environmental sustainability, what would it be and why? How would you go about implementing this idea?
    ■ Describe a time when you worked on a project independently. What did you enjoy about this experience? What would you do differently if you had this experience again?
    ■ Describe a time when you worked together with a team. What did you enjoy about this experience? What would you do differently if you had this experience again?