Native Nursery + Restoration Assistant

Applicants must have a Federal Work Study agreement through MIIS to apply for this position

About Us:
MEarth is a dynamic environmental education nonprofit that works with about 2600 youth and 2500 adults from across Monterey County annually, through our four core programs: NatureConnect, ClassroomConnect, FoodConnect and CommunityConnect. Our mission is to educate + inspire through environmental stewardship.

Over the last 17+ years, our team has led the development of the 10-acre Hilton Bialek Habitat, an award-winning environmental education center located at the mouth of Carmel Valley (adjacent to Carmel Middle School). We are looking for an enthusiastic addition to our team and can’t wait to meet you! www.MEarthCarmel.org | www.Facebook.com/MEarthCarmel

About the position:
We are looking for an assistant to help support the ongoing maintenance and programming needs of our beautiful 10-acre Habitat, native plant nursery + campus restoration sites. This position is a great opportunity for someone who loves the outdoors and is interested in native plants, landscaping design & sustainability education. Prior experience working with native plants, greenhouses, restoration a plus!

Tasks may include the following:
- Upkeep and maintenance of native plant demonstration gardens
- Greenhouse management & seedling propagation
- Upkeep and maintenance of the green waste systems
- Assisting in special events
- Maintenance of equipment, tools and organization
- GIS mapping
- Assist in ClassroomConnect environmental education classes for students at Carmel Middle School & offsite restoration events in the City of Carmel (dunes and forest).

Availability on the following dates is HIGHLY desirable:
- Mondays 9:00-10:30am or Thursdays 9:30-11am (on-going) | Attend at least one ‘Work Day’ each week in the Native Plant Nursery
- September 19 & 20, 2015 | Annual Fundraising Event: Glass Pumpkin Patch of Carmel
- October 3, 2015 | Annual Fundraising Event: California Native Plant Society Fall Sale
- April 23, 2016 | Annual Community Event: MEarth Day
**Working Conditions:**
MEarth is an innovative and dynamic work environment, providing opportunities for the right candidate to explore a wide variety of avenues available in the environmental, agricultural, horticultural, & educational fields.

The candidate will be working around the school environment and therefore should be comfortable, presentable and a good role model for children. Successful candidate should be self-motivated and able to work alone or in groups. Creative problem solving and project-completion skills are a must.

The working environment is subject to bending, crouching, or kneeling to access information and/or to assist students from ground level to 4.5 feet above the ground, pushing, pulling and lifting of instructional equipment and supplies, sitting on chairs or floor, leaning over for prolonged periods of time, reaching in all directions, and working outdoors for prolonged periods of time.

The position is flexible (5-15 hrs/week) and will be scheduled based on applicants availability and the needs of the program. The exact scope of position will be tailored to fit specific interests of applicant, while supporting the on-going programs at MEarth. Successful completion of the hiring process is contingent on applicant passing a live-scan fingerprint/background check. (paid for by MEarth)

**Payment**
$13/hr @ 5-15hrs per week (pending the amount of the Work Study award)
This is a temporary FWS position for the 2015/16 school year and does not guarantee long-term employment at MEarth.

**To Apply:**
Send a cover letter + resume to info@mearthcarmel.org with “Your Name-NativePlant” in the subject line.

No phone calls please.

Women, people of color and LGBT candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. MEarth is an Equal Opportunity Employer.