

HILTON BIALEK HABITAT



Habitat Property 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 5,500 community members 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](https://www.facebook.com/MEarthCarmel)

About the position:

We are looking for an assistant to help support the cultivation of our beautiful 1-acre organic edible + ornamental gardens and native nursery as well as assist in teaching culinary + ecology based curriculum. This is a great opportunity for someone who loves the outdoors and is interested in native plants + edible gardening and sustainable education.

The MEarth Garden provides produce for our FoodConnect + ClassroomConnect, as well as to restaurants in the community, and produce to special CommunityConnect events. We propagate all of our crops onsite for the MEarth garden as well as for sale. Being a Habitat Property Assistant at MEarth is a great opportunity to learn the entire spectrum of small scale organic farming from seed to harvest and sustainable land stewardship practices. The assistant will receive education and direction from the Property Manager. It is preferred that applicants have some prior experience working in gardens and/or with plants.

Tasks may include the following:

- Assisting with upkeep and maintenance of 10-acre property including: edible & ornamental gardens + native demonstration gardens.
- Upkeep and maintenance of the compost/vermicompost systems.
- Greenhouse management & seedling propagation.
- Assist in ClassroomConnect classes for students at Carmel Middle School, offsite restoration events in the City of Carmel (dunes and forest), and Odello Fields Restoration project.
- Harvesting produce and flowers for local restaurants, juice bar, and special events.

Availability on the following dates is HIGHLY desirable:

- Fridays 11am-1:30pm each week | ClassroomConnect: Ecoliteracy class in the Organic Garden (on-going/weekly)
- September 16 + 17, 2017| Annual Fundraising Event: Glass Pumpkin Patch of Carmel
- April 21, 2018 | Annual Community Event: MEarth Day
- Weekend Community Restoration Days, Dates: various Saturdays in October - March

Working Conditions:

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.

MEarth is an innovative and dynamic work environment, providing opportunities for the right candidate to explore a wide variety of avenues available in the nonprofit, 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 position is flexible (10-15 hrs/week) and will be scheduled based on applicants availability and the needs of the program. Availability on Fridays from 11:30-1:30pm, highly desired. 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 @ 10-15hrs per week (pending the amount of the Work Study award)

This is a temporary FWS position for the 2017/18 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-MIIS-Habitat Assistant” 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.