Organization Information
GrowNYC is a 50-year-old environmental nonprofit organization - helping more than 3 million New Yorkers by providing essential services and taking action to make NYC a livable city, one where every person can enjoy a healthier, more sustainable life. In particular, our network of Greenmarkets, Farmstands, Fresh Food Box sites, and GrowNYC Wholesale ensures that all New Yorkers have access to the freshest, healthiest local food.

The GrowNYC Teaching Garden at Governors Island is a one acre urban farm that aims to engage, excite, and educate its visitors in all aspects of urban farming. GrowNYC offers field trips at the Teaching Garden to NYC students and summer camp participants, giving kids the opportunity to plant, water, harvest, and cook the garden's wide array of vegetables, herbs, and fruits. In addition, the garden is open to the public on weekends during the larger Governors Island open season.

Teaching Garden Weekend Associate
GrowNYC is seeking an enthusiastic individual with an interest in garden-based environmental education to help facilitate programming and logistics at the Teaching Garden for the public on weekends during the 2021 public season (May - October). Reporting to the Program Manager, the Weekend Associate will be responsible for assisting with the delivery of the Teaching Garden's weekend public programs, and the curricula and materials that support these. Applicants should have an interest in urban agriculture and sustainability, environmental education, and be comfortable working outdoors in all conditions and with people of all ages and abilities. The successful candidate will be a capable self-starter, willing and excited to grow existing initiatives, develop new ideas, and expand the Teaching Garden’s public weekend offerings.

Responsibilities (include, but are not limited to)
- Interact with the public during the garden’s weekend open hours by encouraging participation in garden-based activities and providing information about the garden and GrowNYC;
- Coordinate site prep each morning and site breakdown each afternoon (may include some heavy lifting);
- Implement COVID-19 site safety protocol for staff and visitors, including ensuring that all visitors in the garden are wearing masks and maintaining proper social distancing, and that all high-contact surfaces are regularly cleaned and disinfected;
- Manage weekend farm stand, including harvest, set-up, break-down, and handling cash;
- With the guidance of the Education Coordinator, develop and implement creative socially-distanced activities for weekend visitors;
- With the guidance of the Farm Coordinator, participate in all aspects of intensive organic vegetable production: planting, harvesting, record-keeping, pest/weed control, irrigation, and compost management;
- Assist with public outreach through weekly social media updates.

Qualifications
- Ability to commit for the duration for the 2021 season (May through October) required

Applications
Apply for the Teaching Garden Weekend Associate part-time position with a resume, cover letter, and references at https://bit.ly/3fKYaig.

Interviews will take place on a rolling basis until May 1st.

For additional information, please see our website: grownyc.org

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• Knowledge of sustainable agriculture and urban sustainability
• Experience with and desire to work with diverse groups of New Yorkers
• Comfortable enforcing garden rules and social distancing protocols with the public
• Willingness to be in outdoor settings in hot/cold/rainy weather
• Ability to stand and walk for extended periods of time
• Ability to carry bulky and heavy items up to 50 lbs
• Some teaching and farming/gardening experience

Position Details
Schedule: Saturdays and Sundays from May 1st through October 31st. Hours are approximately 10:00am-5:00pm.

Compensation: The position is a non-exempt seasonal and variable hourly position. It pays $17 per hour and includes only statutory benefits. A temporary additional $3 per hour in COVID-19 hazard pay will also be added to the base compensation through June 30th, 2021.

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