



## YAMPA RIVER BOTANIC PARK HORTICULTURE INTERN

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**INTERNSHIP:** The Yampa River Botanic Park seeks a Horticulture Intern to join its team for the 2023 summer season. The 6-acre high altitude garden, located in Steamboat Springs, Colorado is a place of “serenity that celebrates and conserves the plants, trees and birds of the Yampa River Valley and similar ecosystems worldwide.” The Botanic Park is home to 500 trees 60 individual gardens which feature native and adaptive trees, shrubs, perennials, and annuals. The Intern works to maintain and improve the Botanic Park which sees approximately 35,000 visitors annually between May and October.

**NATURE OF WORK:** This internship is intended to provide hands on experience in public horticulture. The Intern performs the daily tasks and responsibilities of a public garden horticulturist. The Internship runs from approximately mid-May through August with flexible start and stop dates and can fulfill up to a 600 hour graduation requirement. Interns are expected to work 40-hour work weeks with a flexible schedule. Interns rotate with the gardening staff to fill weekend positions.

**COMPENSATION:** \$19.46/hour

### **PRINCIPAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The duties listed below are essential job functions that this position has been created to perform.

- General horticulture tasks including: pruning, seeding, fertilizing, top dressing, soil conditioning, watering, pest control, and weed control.
- Plants and maintains trees, shrubs, perennials, and annuals.
- Plant propagation and nursery management.
- Maintains trails, walkways, signage, and plant markers.
- Operates small equipment including mowers and string trimmers as assigned.
- Assists with Botanic Park special events as needed. Working the annual gala, *Passport Through the Botanic Park* to be held the evening of June 17, 2023 is mandatory.
- Assists in set up and take down for programs and events.
- Works with seasonal staff and volunteers.

- Interacts with visitors and answers visitor's questions about the Botanic Park, plants, and culture.
- Performs janitorial and custodial work as required including: trash removal, cleaning the building and restrooms, opens and closes, locks and unlocks facilities as needed.

#### **PERIPHERAL DUTIES**

Works with the Executive Director and Lead Horticulturist to identify and implement a special project aligned with the current needs of the Botanic Park and the Intern's skill set and interest. Project ideas include, but are not limited to landscape design, garden renovations, plant collections management, and public education.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS:**

- Applicants must be currently enrolled in a college or university horticulture, landscape architecture, botany, or similar program, or graduated within the past year.
- Valid Driver License

#### **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:**

- Some knowledge of equipment, materials and supplies used in grounds maintenance
- Some knowledge of first aid and applicable safety precautions
- Ability to adapt, take initiative, work independently, and complete daily activities according to work schedule
- Ability to establish effective working relationships with employees, supervisors, volunteers, and the public
- Strong verbal and written communication skills

To apply, please submit a cover letter explaining your interest in this internship and your horticultural interests and goals, a résumé, and unofficial transcript. Submit to Jennifer MacNeil, Executive Director, [jmacneil@steamboatsprings.net](mailto:jmacneil@steamboatsprings.net). Applications close March 1, 2023. E.O.E.