



Acterra HealthCorps Job Description

What is the Silicon Valley HealthCorps?

In an innovative new partnership, The Health Trust has joined together with AmeriCorps and nine local organizations to form the Silicon Valley HealthCorps. The goal of this collaboration is to use gardens, farm to school programs and the work of 46 AmeriCorps members to bring fresh fruits, vegetables and education to residents of Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. The program seeks to engage the community as active participants in promoting and sustaining community and school gardens, and to provide a coordinated, county-wide approach to expanding garden based learning. The program will also increase access to fresh produce through the development of new school and community gardens, low-cost farm stands, and by utilizing a farm-to-school model to increase the amount of fresh and local produce served in school lunches.

AmeriCorps Job Description – “Garden Club” Instructor

What is Acterra? Acterra is an environmental organization that brings people together to create local solutions for a healthy planet. As part of our Urban Ecology program, Acterra is partnering with the Master Gardeners and with the Mountain View Whisman School District to bring learning outside through the “Outdoor Classroom Program.” The purpose of the program is to assist district schools in providing garden and other outdoor lessons and activities.

Acterra AmeriCorps Positions:

Number of open Positions: Four (4) QT Instructor positions are available

Program Location: Mountain View, CA

Accepting Applications: Yes, starting August 30 until positions are filled

Program Start/End Date: Start October 2010 through June 2011

Position/Member Duties:

- This member will partner with another member to lead a recess and lunch based “Garden Club” at elementary schools in Mountain View Whisman School District using existing nutrition-based garden curricula pared down to fit within the allotted time.
- Member will be responsible for setting up “Garden Club” sessions and leading instructional activities

- Member will help refine the curricula based upon experience with the “Garden Club” program
- Member will participate in development and maintenance of gardens used for the “Garden Club”
- Member will be responsible for pre- and post-assessment activities and other documentation as defined by the HealthCorps program
- Member will participate in hosting HealthCorps site visits to the Mountain View Whisman School District gardens

Skill Requirements:

- Responsible individual with an interest/experience working with children in a school garden setting
- Garden or agricultural interest/experience
- Background in teaching, nutrition, or environmental education a plus
- Proficient in English written and spoken; knowledge of Spanish a plus
- Basic computer competence

Program Benefits:

Living Allowance: \$4,000 stipend (distributed bi-weekly)

Education Award: \$1,415 awarded after completion of service

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