

Waste Audit Intern

Internship Position Description

Do you want to help conserve resources and teach students how to be good stewards of the earth? One Cool Earth is a nonprofit in SLO County creating school garden programs that power healthy, happy and smart youth. We believe every child deserves a place to grow.



The Waste Audit Intern will serve cohesively with students and assist a Garden Educator Manager to educate students at school wide waste audits in which we track and measure all of the “trash” that is produced on campus in a 24 hour period. The position would be well-suited for someone who enjoys working with children and has background knowledge or strong interest in sustainability, education, environmental science and waste management.

Responsibilities Will Include:

- Attend Waste Audits located at 13 schools in our Earth Genius program
- Assist Garden Educator Manager with setup: lay down tarps, set out scales and labeled buckets, gather bags of waste, and take out compostable gloves for sorting
- Help students sort “trash” into general categories such as plastic, paper, compost, and ooey goey, and more specific categories such as chip bags, unopened food, and milk cartons (just to name a few).
- Participate in a brief assembly with all the students to discuss results
- Increase student knowledge of waste reduction and environmental solutions
- Provide basic clean up after event: help kids wash buckets, clean off signs, tarps and scales, pick up debris, pack supplies in tote bag, and go home and shower yo-self

Preferred Qualifications:

- Commitment to One Cool Earth’s vision and mission;
- Excellent rapport with children, with at least one year experience in child educational settings (summer camps, Sprout Up!, etc.);
- Formal education or significant experience in sustainability, waste management, environmental studies and/or recycling;
- Demonstrated communications and interpersonal skills, able to work with people of diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds;
- Creative, flexible and hard working; able to manage your commitments responsibly;
- Enjoy learning new things and challenging yourself;

Our internships offer you the opportunity to:

- Explore Career Opportunities - by working in the field you have chosen, you can receive an inside look at your potential career path.
- Gain leadership experience - better understand the major issues and trends facing today’s youth. From healthy eating and exercise, well-being, academics, and environmental issues, OCE works with communities using best-practices and evidence-based programming to create meaningful, lasting change.

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Additional Information:

- **Training and Orientation:** Interns will participate in a 1 hour training during the first week of your internship. This training program will orient interns to our culture and provide them with a knowledge-base to draw upon through the remainder of your internship and beyond. Ongoing training will occur during the period of the internship as needed.
- **Schedule:** 3 to 8 hours, one day/week, during the school day.
- **Duration:** Minimum 6-month commitment, ~4 - 8 hours per week.
- **Benefits:** Interns will play a vital role in supporting sustainability in SLO County elementary schools, academic achievement and interest in conserving resources, especially for underserved students. Interns will receive substantial training and experience in the field of waste management and environmental education from an established and well-respected organization towards building a strong resume. Interns will extend their connections within local school districts and the outdoor educational field. We are pleased to write letters of recommendation upon successful completion of the internship.

How to Apply:

Interested applicants must submit a resume to the following email address:

miranda@onecoolearth.org

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