

# Greensboro Children's Museum

## Edible Schoolyard Garden Educator

### Position Description

This position is responsible for designing and executing garden-based educational experiences and leading cooking classes for children in The Edible Schoolyard at the Greensboro Children's Museum (ESY). ESY includes a half-acre garden exhibit and cooking school working to connect children and families to their food, the earth, and each other.

**Reports to:** The Edible Schoolyard & Education Director

**Position Status:** Full-time, Exempt

**Schedule:** Seasonal, times may vary

**September – May** Biweekly rotating schedule. Monday – Friday/Tuesday – Saturday. 8:30am – 5:30pm.

**June – August** Monday – Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm

### Roles and Responsibilities

#### *Curriculum and Teaching*

- Design, conduct, and evaluate garden-based and environmental science lessons and activities for guests of all ages
- Design, conduct, and evaluate field trips that incorporate STEAM education and academic standards in the garden exhibit
- Design and lead weekly day-camps for children ages 4 -14yrs, June - August
- Design and conduct group cooking classes for children under the guidance of the Chef Educator
- Act as the lead for school-based, food literacy programs
- Mentor and train GCM staff, interns, and volunteers to be involved with programming and activities

#### *Volunteer Management*

- Recruit, train, and manage volunteers and interns for the ESY garden and kitchen
- Work with Greensboro Children's Museum (GCM) operations staff to ensure all volunteers have appropriate credentials (e.g. background checks, first aid certification, etc.) where appropriate

#### *Communication and Connectedness*

- Manage budgets for grants and sponsorships pertaining to programs or as assigned
- Work with all GCM staff to ensure effective team-based work
- Participate in off-site activities to increase food awareness and promote ESY programs
- Write copy for marketing materials

#### *Other Duties*

- Work with the Gardener to plan and execute our incrEDIBLE Plant Sale in the spring.
- Act as back-up to other GCM educators when needed in general Museum programming, events, or activities.



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- Assist with grant writing and report writing
- Aside from the aforementioned roles and responsibilities, all GCM staff members are asked to provide assistance when needed to support the GCM team in furthering its mission of promoting learning through play.

### **Qualifications**

- A demonstrated appreciation for work in environmental education and edible education, and commitment to local food and the seed-to-table philosophy
- Able to demonstrate knowledge of NC Piedmont growing conditions and seasonality
- Teaching experience with children ages 3 -14 years
- Knowledge and skills in small-scale organic food production
- Experience teaching group cooking classes to children preferred
- Strong collaborative experience
- Experience working with diverse populations including youth and adults
- Demonstrated creative problem-solving skills
- Project management experience
- Ability to work and multi-task within an active museum environment

### **Physical Requirements**

- Constantly moves about the Museum to access kitchen, offices and program spaces
- Must use hands/fingers to demonstrate kitchen and gardening techniques such as (but not limited to) cutting, chopping, planting, weeding, etc.
- Constantly operates a computer and other office productivity machinery, such as a calculator, copy machine, and computer printer
- Frequently communicates with students, teachers, parents and staff. Must be able to exchange accurate information during these interactions
- Must be able to read small print
- Frequently moves soil and ingredients weighing up to 30 pounds from parking lot to kitchen or garden

### **Compensation**

A compensation package will be discussed with the final candidate at the end of the interview process.

To apply, email a letter of interest and resume to Stephanie Ashton at [sashton@gcmuseum.com](mailto:sashton@gcmuseum.com).

Position is open until filled.

*Final candidates will be asked to give written permission for the Museum to conduct a criminal background check.*



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