

Service Learning Internship & Summer Crew Job Description

SITE: PELION GARDEN

Pelion can support 3-4 interns

Please read the entire description before applying.

This hands-on experience would be most beneficial for students interested in: Teaching, Science, Ecology, Agriculture/food, Horticulture, Public Service, Landscaping, and/or Urban Planning. There is some manual labor required; there is also some research required. Interns should be flexible as the schedule and tasks do fluctuate, based on weather and other factors. Interns should have the ability to report to the garden and HQ on Northampton St depending on weather and daily task list.

DRESS CODE: sneakers or boots, sun hat/cap, "play clothes," and/or work gloves.

Interns should expect to get a little sweaty, or dirty, some days. Bringing a change of shoes/shirt might be a good idea if you have an exam, class, or other job to attend after the shift. We will be outside most of the time; it tends to be cool in the mornings.

Duties will include:

- Planting/Tending/Watering/Harvesting plants and vegetables at Pelion Garden
- We do use a fire hose (to water) and wheelbarrows and yard tools; a little bit of muscle is helpful.
- Assist/Lead topics for instruction of 5th/6th grade science classes or visiting school/guest field trips; *must be comfortable* working with younger students just 2-3 days out of each week.
- Assist/Lead tasks with STARS business class students; *must be comfortable* coaching students and keeping them on-task.
- Help research/prepare lessons about: insects, plants, food, soil, climate, etc
- Assist with making sure all garden visitors (including elementary students) behave safely
- Pruning and monitoring the tree canopy in our neighborhood
- Painting garden signs, ID tags and murals
- Directing tours and short activities
- Small building projects that require hand tools, power tools and/or carpentry
- Canvassing the neighborhood to share invitations to garden events and/or information about the garden
- Digging, transplanting, weeding, mulching, mowing and other tasks necessary to maintain the appearance of the garden i.e. some "manual labor"

Interns report to Pelion Garden 206 Best St

Garden Manager, Caesandra Seawell, 716-803-5566, peliongarden@gmail.com

HOW TO APPLY: Please familiarize yourself with some of the activities at Pelion garden by reviewing our social media platforms.

<https://www.facebook.com/PelionCommunityGarden/>

IG @pelionchs

SLI: Email Ms. Caesandra no later than May 10th expressing your interest in the internship and describing which two aspects of the garden most interest you. Be sure to mention any specific experience you might have with gardening, working with children, or local activism. Include your contact information (phone and email) for follow up questions.

This internship has been meaningful, and a lot of fun, for many seniors; however, it is not the right fit for everyone. Students are expected to report every day and treat the experience seriously.

SUMMER CREW:

Please ensure you've contacted Ms. Seawell and she knows to put your name on her official request with Youth Services. Additionally, make sure you write "Pelion Garden" at the top of your forms, otherwise, you will likely be added to the larger pool of applicants and be placed at a different site.

PHOTOS of some of our previous interns working

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/caesandra/sets/72157629910963418/>