



The Edible Schoolyard Project
Full Time Farm Educator, Stockton, CA

Location: Stockton, California

Who We Are:

The Edible Schoolyard Project Stockton (ESYP Stockton) is dedicated to transforming the health and wellness of children in south Stockton. By designing hands-on educational experiences in gardens and kitchens, we connect students to food, nature and one another. At the heart of an edible education is a dynamic and joyful learning experience for every student. ESYP Berkeley was founded in 1995 by Alice Waters, the sustainable agriculture champion, school food reform advocate, and founder of Chez Panisse restaurant in Berkeley, California.

The Edible Schoolyard Project Community Farm in Stockton, California serves as ESYP Stockton's demonstration site and innovation hub. We garden and cook with youth who visit the farm on field trips. In addition, we host robust family-focused programming and welcome guests from around the county for events and workshops.

What it Means To Work Here

When you join our team, you can expect to be part of a curious, collaborative, equity-focused team that appreciates creativity and having fun. We are deeply focused on providing an Edible Education through a whole-child educational model which teaches life skills, academics, citizenship, environmental stewardship, and health in the garden and kitchen classroom. Our work environment appeals to those who are self-starters and enjoy working as part of a small team.

Position Description

The Edible Schoolyard Farm Educator is responsible for co-leading field trips and educational programming at the Edible Schoolyard Community Farm. S/he will lead students through farm to table activities including leading farming/gardening and cooking lessons. S/he supports the Education Program Coordinator to book local schools for field trip experiences. The Farm Educator reports to the Education Program Coordinator and Stockton Program Director.

Roles and Responsibilities

Teaching

- Design, coordinate and implement culturally relevant, standards aligned farm field trip lessons.
- Guide students through all aspects of cooking lessons to ensure skills and values development, understanding of seasonality, and connections to curricular studies.
- Support with the Farm Educator's recipe development for CSA distribution which feature produce included in the weekly produce box.
- Develop and teach recipes that use fresh, seasonal organic produce and incorporate available ingredients from the farm classroom.
- Oversee the organization, set up, and break down all farm lesson materials after classes and events.
- Model respect and curiosity for learning and encourage students' interests and talents.

Lesson Development and Documentation

- Coordinate and manage lesson documentation, recipe development, and creation of visual aids for farm lessons, including providing new resources to be distributed in the CSA program.

Administration and Operations

- Coordinate with teachers and school administrators to provide a seamless, organized experience in arranging field trip visits to the ESY Community Farm.
- Manage and coordinate transportation for all field trip visits in compliance with various district regulations.
- Develop and implement systems for distributing, filing, and tracking student liability release forms, photo releases, and allergy information.
- Maintain records and organization documentation of field trip program impact data and support with grant reporting including conducting an annual survey of students and teachers.
- Organize and plan quarterly events on the farm with Stockton Team including but not limited to management of the fellows, volunteers, non-profit organizations, schools, health providers, and other partners who plan to attend/volunteer.
- Lead the planning, coordination, and purchasing of food for special ESY events. Note: this role does not require preparing food for every special event, but rather orchestrating the meal planning process which can include purchasing from restaurants and vendors.
- Lead the implementation of systems for the Farm Educator to include but not limited to curriculum training and development, communication norms, organizing and planning of farm education related events.

Outreach and Communication

- Participate in ESY staff meetings and professional development experiences.
- Attend public events and meetings to represent the Edible Schoolyard Project Stockton's mission and programming.

Farm Maintenance

- Collaborate with the Farm Educator to lead classes in regular farm maintenance work and clean up tasks including but not limited to hand weeding, watering, and emptying trash cans.
- Maintain, clean and organize storage spaces with the Farm Educator such as Blue Shed, Butter Box and Classroom Storage
- Guide classes in harvesting, washing, and packing seasonal produce in compliance with health and safety standards.

Qualifications and Skills

- Ability to teach various curriculums through culinary practices and experiences
- Experience teaching students of diverse backgrounds, educational needs and abilities
- Excellent interpersonal skills, and effective oral and written communication skills
- Excellent culinary skills and a exhibited understanding of diverse culinary experiences and recipes

Experience and Training

- At least two years providing educational experiences to youth

Live Scan Background Check

This is a designated position requiring fingerprinting and a background check due to the nature of the job responsibilities. The Edible Schoolyard Project reserves the right to make employment contingent upon successful completion of the background check.

Mandated Reporter

This position has been identified as a Mandated Reporter required to report the observed or suspected abuse or neglect of children, dependent adults, or elders to designated law enforcement or social service agencies. We reserve the right to make employment contingent upon completion of signed statements acknowledging the responsibilities of a Mandated Reporter.

What We Offer

The Edible Schoolyard is offering an hourly wage range of \$26-\$28/hourly according to qualifications and experience. This is a full-time position, at 40 hours a week. Some weekend hours are expected.

Please send your CV and cover letter to jobs@edibleschoolyard.org with the subject line "ESY Farm Educator, Stockton"

ESYP is an equal opportunity employer. We are committed to providing an environment of mutual respect where equal employment opportunities are available to all applicants and teammates without regard to race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, status as a parent, national origin, age, physical and mental disability, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, family medical history or genetic information, military and veteran status, and any other status or characteristic protected by federal, state or local law.

ESYP believes that diversity and inclusion among our teammates is critical to our success as an organization, and we seek to recruit, develop and retain the most talented people from a diverse candidate pool.