



**One Cool Earth**  
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## Job Opening | Garden Educator

**Location:** Nipomo / SLO

**Start Date:** Immediate

**Hours:** Part-time, 10 per week with possible growth to 20.

**Duration:** Position is during the 9 month school year ending June 15, 2019.

**Pay:** \$12-\$14.00 per hour

**Purpose:** One Cool Earth is hiring for the position Garden Educator-Manager (GEM) as the on-the-ground ambassadors for school gardens, caring for and improving the gardens, providing nutrition and science lessons for students, and supporting teachers in using the gardens as outdoor learning labs. If you have experience either teaching or leading groups in an educational environment, this could be a great opportunity.

### Preferred Qualifications

- Formal education or experience in nutrition, environmental studies, Master Gardener, permaculture or equivalent with experience in organic gardening methods;
- Excellent rapport with children, with at least one year experience in child educational settings (summer camps, Sprout Up!, etc.);
- Experience coordinating school gardens, working as an outdoor educator/naturalist, or teaching nutrition related lessons that will improve the ability to integrate garden based learning into classroom experiences;
- 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;
- A good sense of humor, wonder, and curiosity;

### Desired Skills (not necessary, but extremely beneficial)

- Bilingual – English & Spanish
- Proficiency with Google Docs and Google Calendar

**For full job description visit: [www.onecoolearth.org/GEM2019](http://www.onecoolearth.org/GEM2019)**

**To Apply:** Please send your **resume** and a **cover letter** by Aug. 17th to Dan Cano at dan@onecoolearth.org.



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### **Primary Responsibilities**

The Garden Educator-Manager is self-directed and a self starter working alongside the Education Director and Executive Director to improve the health, academic success, and wellbeing of elementary school students in SLO County.

- Improve student science understanding by providing engaging, standards-based projects, experiments, and lessons based on ecology, earth, and life sciences, especially on the subjects of watersheds, food forests, and zero waste;
- Increase student knowledge of food cycle, interest in growing fresh fruits and vegetables, and willingness to try new fruits and vegetables;
- Teach engaging garden classes (30 - 60 min.) to 25 students at a time (2 to 6 classes per day);
- Support a campus Green Team that manages school composting and recycling;
- Work effectively with teachers at both schools to coordinate curriculum and classroom instruction in the garden;
- Work effectively with community members, volunteers and others to coordinate the ongoing administration of the school gardens;
- Maintaining accurate and timely garden records and reports;
- Provide basic maintenance for gardens: planting, weeding, pruning, composting, minor irrigation adjustments and repairs;

**Training:** Three days of training and orientation training will begin August 27th, 2018; Ongoing coaching and professional development opportunities are provided throughout the year;

**Supervision & Support:** The Garden Educator-Manager will answer to the Lead Garden Educator Manager, and will meet on a regular basis to plan and coordinate work as well as share successes and challenges.

**Physical Demands:** *The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.* The ability to perform normal garden tasks, including digging, carrying, stooping, weeding, reaching, walking on varied terrain, and lifting and carrying materials and potted plants weighing up to 20 lbs.

**Certificates, Licenses, Registrations:** The applicant must possess a valid driver's license, a reliable vehicle with proof of insurance, and be able to pass a background check and TB test to work at schools;

**Compensation & Benefits:** Be part of a growing, mission-driven team; Change children's lives for the better; Flexible scheduling; Optional 401(k); \$12 - \$14/hour DOE;

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