

2018 Spring Internships and Volunteering

An internship is available with Big Sky Herbs, a local sustainable herb grower. The half acre of 100 medicinal tea herbs and 40 culinary herbs is located in the West Missoula Valley. Interns are needed year round to work and expand this small sustainable business venture, where both e-commerce and sustainable growing practices are involved.

Spring semester would include part of or all of the months of January through May where interns would be helping to do research for classes, business and the U-Pick as well as packaging herbs for on-line sales, Saturday markets and spring gardening including helping in a new greenhouse. Dependable transportation is required.

Learning objectives for the spring semester would include:

1. Learning by assisting in classes presented on cooking with herbs around the Missoula area-February
2. Learn by hand-crushing and labeling herb products-January-April
3. Learn to and prepare for the summer U-Pick and Saturday market sales-May.
 - a) Seeding and tending the indoor starting garden and greenhouse-March-April.
 - b) Weeding, landscaping, planting the U-Pick and garden areas, including April Volunteer Learning Days*

*Interns should try to set up specific days and hours weekly. You don't have to put in a full Volunteer Learning Day, but you need to commit to either morning sessions (10am-1pm) or afternoon sessions (2-5pm). Other volunteer hours are around our "other" work schedules Monday – Friday, we can establish schedules at the interview.

See this posted on <http://life.umt.edu/career/hndshake> and the EVST newslines--watch for April Volunteer Learning Days there and at <http://www.bigskyherbs.com/about-us/internships/> or the monthly newsletter page.

What's a Volunteer Learning Day all about?

Hours are 10am-5pm with a lunch provided from 1-2 pm

Please sign up by Thursday night for lunch

When you arrive, you'll be given a plant key and assigned a task to work with a partner or a team.

Most jobs will be specific to rows (there are 20) so you can get familiar with categories of herbs personally. Lunch hour we'll be eating and talking herbs or gardening! After eating, you can browse the crafting room and buy items for 25% off, sign up for an internship and receive your appreciation gift certificate of a free bag of fresh herbs or \$8 toward products.

The afternoon will be more of the same, perhaps switching teams or partners. I'm looking for student or non-student interns always!

What to bring:

- Weather appropriate clothing-including
- Gardening gloves, boots/waterproof shoes (layering is good)
- Water bottle

Dates of Volunteer Learning Days in April

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| 1 st weekend- Repotting or composting | 2 nd weekend-Pruning plants, clearing weeds |
| 3 rd weekend- Edging beds, installing soil | 4 th weekend - Tilling, planting "early" seeds |
| 5 th weekend-Finish above tasks or greenhouse work | |

Because of weather "changeability", we may do inside growing projects if the day is too cold or rainy.