

High-Altitude Demonstration Garden

PARK COUNTY - BAILEY, COLORADO

MENTORS - BARBIE GARNETT SCOTT CURRY

INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION

This internship will allow a student to design and implement demonstration gardens for a high altitude community. There are three focus areas of the Plant select demonstration garden: 1) a community vegetable garden; 2) plant select landscaping demonstration/educational garden; and 3) an exploratory sensory garden for the Park Women Infants and Children (WIC)/Health Department visiting children. Visitors to the Bailey Community Center will have the opportunity to see an example of what they could plant at their own home, and grab a flyer, in the kiosk, that has the designs of the beds and how they are laid out, along with what plants are in the designs. The area will be divided up to give people examples of multiple garden themes, such as sensory garden, pollinator garden, xeriscape garden, alpine garden, native plant garden, and community vegetable garden. Once the designs are created the intern will partner with Park County Master Gardeners to put those designs into action at the Bailey Community Center.

SKILLS DESIRED

- Sophomore to Junior Year in College
- Ability to work an average of 20-30 hours per week. (although flexible hours)
- Extensive knowledge of woody and herbaceous plant material native to Colorado
- Graphic Design experience



STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

This will be a wonderful opportunity for a student to fully design and implement a high-altitude demonstration garden from start to finish! These garden designs will be seen by all who enter into the space and people will be encouraged to pick up a map of the design to take home and implement in their gardens. This is a great professional development opportunity for students to add to their portfolio all while making a difference to the Park County Community. The challenges for designing this space are the high altitude, soil conditions as well as harsh climate that accompanies Park County. Citizens in our community are excited and eager to learn how to effectively garden in our community and you could help them fulfill that goal!

BENEFITS OF THE INTERNSHIP

- Housing for the Summer - We will help find low to no cost housing for the summer in beautiful Bailey CO.
- World class fishing, hiking and camping opportunities all across Park County.
- Paid travel expenses.
- Creating a beautiful space that will be around for generations to help educate Park County.