



Farm Explorer Educator/Coordinator

Greener Partners seeks a full-time educator based in Philadelphia to co-lead its innovative farm-to-school program, the Farm Explorer, and to develop new programs and partnerships around growing food, food education, and food access.

The *Farm Explorer* is a farm-to-school program that connects young people to the science and agriculture behind growing food, sparking interest in harvesting, cooking, and trying vegetables, fruits, and herbs. The Farm Explorer Truck brings a farm field trip experience directly to schools (as well as community sites, camps, and events). It opens up and surrounds visitors with an on-site, edible, seasonal, outdoor education space, with hands-on activities in ecology and biology, plus nutrition and healthy eating. In the winter months, Farm Explorer Classroom moves indoors, supporting STEM education both in-school and out-of-school. Farm Explorer Consulting works with schools and community groups interested in growing their own food for education and/or distribution, including training and technical assistance on garden curricula, garden design and installation, crop planning, and garden maintenance.

Greener Partners' mission is to improve community health through food, farms, and education. Since 2008, Greener Partners has partnered with schools, hospitals, and community organizations to farm organically and provide innovative education programs. Last year, our food security initiatives and programs on farming, food education, and nutrition had an impact on more than 10,000 children and families from the five-county Philadelphia region.

Responsibilities:

- Lead educational programming for a range of ages and diverse groups, at outdoor and indoor settings, in-school and out-of-school
- Collaborate on development of lessons that support STEM and nutrition education for young people pre-K through high school
- Grow a variety of vegetables, fruits, and herbs for the Farm Explorer container garden, including crop planning, seed starting and maintaining a robust succession of plants for 3 seasons
- Collaborate with schools and community groups on all aspects of garden development and maintenance
- Build and maintain partnerships with schools and community groups and positive relationships with key external partners

- Collaborate with 2 other Farm Explorer Educators on program coordination
- Work closely with Farmer/Educator team, including Education Director and Agriculture Director
- Drive the Farm Explorer™ vehicles to programming sites throughout the Philadelphia region; maintain vehicles in clean, good working order
- Assist with scheduling Farm Explorer visits, conducting outreach to schools, and following up on leads
- Assist with development and implementation of systems to track program metrics, booking processes, curriculum development, crop-to-curriculum coherence, report generation, etc.
- Assist with coordination of program evaluations
- Assist with recipe testing and development
- Assist with implementation of social media plan, in collaboration with other GP staff
- Assist with other Greener Partners' programming (including occasional weekend work)

Qualifications:

- Problem solver with a can-do attitude who deals with challenges on the truck, in growing spaces, or in a classroom
- Experienced farmer/community gardener raising a large variety of crops
- Several years leading experiential educational programming for various age groups, including lesson planning and innovative classroom management
- Excellent, creative seasonal cook
- Positive and flexible in handling challenging situations or uncertainty
- Enjoy driving and clean driving record (Commercial Driver's License (CDL) or experience driving large vehicles a plus)
- Experience managing multiple projects successfully
- Knowledge of excel, data management programs, fluency with social media
- Well-organized and able to work flexible hours
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, strong public speaker
- Likes working in a variety of settings each week
- Ability to work independently AND ability to collaborate with a diverse team
- Up-to date FBI, PA Criminal, and PA Child Abuse clearances (or ability to obtain)
- Experience with community organizing and/or urban school districts
- Experience with high schoolers a plus
- Spanish or another foreign language a plus
- Commitment to Greener Partners' mission

This is a full-time, salaried position with medical benefits and generous paid time off. Salary starts at 33K, commensurate with experience. We encourage people of color, LGBTQ people, religious minorities, recent immigrants, differently abled and applicants from all generational, economic, and educational backgrounds to apply. Please send resume and cover letter to Helen.nadel@greenerpartners.org