



**Position Posting**  
**SAGE AgPark Education Programs Manager**  
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**About SAGE**

SAGE (Sustainable Agriculture Education) is a small, entrepreneurial non-profit organization dedicated to establishing and supporting multifunctional agriculture at the metropolitan edge, and fostering linkages between farmers and city dwellers. SAGE has two main project areas: (1) planning and development of Agricultural Parks, entities that include farming, public education, and natural resources stewardship; and (2) collaborating on initiatives (*Greenprints* and a *New Ruralism* framework) for making agriculture an integral element in regional sustainable communities planning and implementation efforts.

**Position Overview**

SAGE is seeking an experienced agricultural/environmental educator to manage and develop its education programs. The primary charge of the position is to continue development, implementation and fundraising for the Sunol Water Temple AgPark education programs for school children, youth, and the general public. A related charge is to manage beginning farmer education programs, in collaboration with agricultural agency partners. Farmed by four small farming enterprises, the Sunol AgPark is located on an 18-acre parcel in Sunol on land owned by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC). By 2016, the SFPUC will complete construction of a full-facility Alameda Creek Watershed Center next to the AgPark.

The position starts at ~ 40% FTE for the first four months and is expected to increase. The ideal candidate will have the skills, experience, initiative and interest to further develop the education programs and support fundraising efforts. Farming an acre or so of land at the AgPark could possibly be an extension of the education program responsibilities. The position is supervised by the SAGE President, oversees the Sunol AgPark Education & Site Coordinator, and is supported by the SAGE Office Manager, development consultant, and interns.

**Position Responsibilities**

Hours per task adds to around 66 hours per month and can be scheduled over two to three days per week.

- Oversee implementation/development of a classroom field trip program and associated in-school presentations for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders, utilizing the recently completed *Farming in the Watershed* standards-based curriculum. (average of 36 hrs/month)
- Oversee implementation/development of *service and project-based learning for middle and high school students (11-18 year olds)*; including a pilot *Youth Bridging Nature and Agriculture* hedgerow project, (average of 10 hrs/month)
- Oversee development/implementation of an adjunct program for summer camps at the AgPark (average of 8 hrs/month)
- Advise on the integration of existing AgPark programs with programs being planning for the *Alameda Creek Watershed Center, a major environmental education center which will be constructed next to the Sunol Water Temple by 2014.* (average of 4 hrs/month)
- Manage the USDA Beginning Farmer and Rancher (BFR) Grant, in coordination with our partner, ACRC and with support from the Coordinator and other SAGE staff as needed (average of 8 hrs/month)

### **Qualifications and Experience**

The ideal candidate for this position will have:

- Demonstrable experience in facilitating the development of multi-faceted, multi-stakeholder, and multi-cultural environmental education programs
- At least 5 years experience managing, developing and teaching agricultural and/or environmental education programs for diverse audiences of school-age children, youth, and the public
- BS/BA in environmental studies, natural resources stewardship, or agriculture is preferred; however 5-10 years experience can substitute for a degree
- Outstanding oral and written communication skills; and organizational and management skills
- Preferred candidates will have experience in helping fundraise for educational programs
- Ability to work independently and as a part of a team
- Professionalism and excellent interpersonal skills

### **Compensation and Workplace**

The position can start as an employee or contractor. Position starts at ~ 40% FTE and will increase as additional funding is procured. Pay rate will be determined by level of experience. Primary workplace is the SAGE office at the David Brower Center; secondary workplace is a small field office in Sunol.

### **To Apply**

Please send a cover letter including requested pay rate range, resume, three references, and any supporting materials such as writing samples to [hire@sagecenter.org](mailto:hire@sagecenter.org). Applications will be accepted until position is filled. The desired start date is February 1.