**Volunteer School Garden Coordinator**

**Organization description:**

Boston Outdoor Preschool Network is a nonprofit organization committed to nature immersion and interest-led learning. We believe that children are intrinsically motivated to learn and that they do so by exploring the world around them. Our programs are located on the grounds of the beautiful Arnold Arboretum.

**Position description:**

The School Garden Coordinator will work closely with the preschool teachers and children to cultivate vegetables and flowers at our community garden plot. Your ideas and creativity welcome!

**Location:**

South Street Community Garden (7-minute walk from Forest Hills T stop)

**Schedule:**

* Spring, Summer, and/or Fall season
* 1 - 5 mornings per week from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (minimum 3 hours per week)

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

* Develop and maintain a school garden site together with the teachers and children
* Use the garden cycle as a tool to enrich science learning, inspire environmental stewardship, and cultivate healthy food choices
* Nurture the spirit and curiosity of each child while promoting respect and community
* Optional: write a garden newsletter for families, apply for school garden grants, and/or attend professional development training with the teachers

**Qualifications:**

* Strong interest in school gardening and nature-based early childhood education
* Curiosity about the natural world and ability to convey a sense of awe and wonder to the children
* Embrace a wide variety of weather conditions as unique and interesting, part of the ebb and flow of the natural rhythm and seasonal changes
* Ability to communicate professionally with teachers and families

**How to Apply:**

Please email your resume to Sarah Besse and Sara Murray at [info@bopn.org](mailto:info@bopn.org)

Candidates who add to our diverse community are encouraged to apply.

***Please note:*** This is an unpaid (volunteer) position. Background checks are required. We have other volunteer positions available as well; please inquire for details.

*Please note that while BOPN has a friendly relationship with the Arboretum, we are separate organizations and the Arboretum is not involved with organizing or operating BOPN's programs.*