



## Job Announcement: Garden-Based Education Instructor

<b>Reports to:</b>	Program Director
<b>Hours:</b>	Part time; up to 16 hrs per week
<b>Location:</b>	Primarily Mountain View and surrounding areas
<b>Dates of Employment:</b>	August 11, 2025 - June 5, 2026 (approximately 38 weeks, no instruction during MVWSD school breaks).

### About this position:

Living Classroom is a 16-year old non-profit organization whose mission is to inspire children to value and learn about the natural world through garden-based education. The instructor is part of the instructional team that leads Living Classroom (LC) hands-on, experiential, primarily outdoor lessons to children in grades T/K - 7th at the Mountain View Whisman School District and other sites that have subscribed to the LC program (ranging from Palo Alto, Sunnyvale, Campbell, and San Jose). The instructor engages the students' curiosity and enthusiasm for learning from nature, while providing environmental literacy-focused lessons that meet California's [Common Core State Standards](#) and [Next Generation Science Standards](#).

### Responsibilities:

Responsibilities and tasks may vary and change throughout the year; however, key work tasks will include, but not be limited to:

- Learn through lesson observation and training, approximately 36 Living Classroom lessons provided in the 2025-26 school year. Assist, then lead instruction of Living Classroom lessons as scheduled. Lessons are given Monday afternoons, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday during the school day (8am-3pm). Most lessons will be supported by a classroom volunteer or an assistant docent. Lessons are normally one-hour long and will be at up to 15+ different schools.
- As part of the instruction, pick up lesson kits needed for lessons and transport to school sites where lessons take place.

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- Collaborate with the LC instructional team to provide input about possible lesson improvements and in creating new lessons and supporting documents.
- Support with staffing LC community and fundraising events, (after school or weekend events, approximately 1-3x/year)

### Qualifications

- Previous experience working with classrooms of elementary-aged children required.
- A genuine enjoyment of working with children and helping them learn through hands-on instruction, primarily outdoors.
- Experience with teaching environmental science, gardening (especially edible gardens and native gardens), and lessons aligned to Next Generation Science Standards is preferred, but not required.
- Energy and enthusiasm for teaching children—plus a keen sense of hands-on fun!
- Ability to “think on your feet,” as some lessons may take unexpected detours.
- Ability to get—and keep—young children on topic.
- Punctuality is a must; flexibility is required as lesson schedules will vary from week to week.
- Valid CA Drivers license, reliable transportation, and a cell phone.
- High School Diploma or Equivalent required.

### Compensation:

The instructor position is a part-time, hourly position, paid at a starting rate of \$25/hour. Hours will vary from week to week, but not exceed 16 hours. Sick leave pay up to 40 hours (prorated), no holiday or vacation pay (but unpaid time off during MVWSD School breaks and holidays). Mileage reimbursement at the IRS standard rate, (currently \$0.70/mile) for travel between schools and LC office (located at Monta Loma Elementary) for lessons and material pickups.

### To Apply:

Send cover letter, resume and any questions to:

[Jobs@living-classroom.org](mailto:Jobs@living-classroom.org)

Position is open until filled, yet applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, beginning May 20th

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