

Garden Director Job Description

Job Title: Garden Director

Reports To: Keahi Ewa

SUMMARY:

The Garden Director will oversee all the daily operations and proficient functioning of the vegetable garden—strawberries, raspberries and other fruits and vegetables, and will establish planting schedules for the garden to effectively and efficiently grow quality organic produce for our kitchen, farmers markets and CSAs.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Expected to properly plan for the growing season with the garden manager
- Order seeds, amendments and any other fertilizers, insecticides and fungicides needed for the proper function of the operation
- Create and design irrigation systems such as drip systems for proper watering
- Identify plants as well as problems such as diseases and pests
- Take stewardship of the land, plants and environment by making a commitment to the sustainability and well-being of the project and the people involved

SKILLS & EXPERIENCE:

- Knowledge of organic growing methods
- Knowledge of market gardening and how to prepare for farmers markets, restaurants or CSAs
- Ability to manage people according to Sunrise Ranch expectations
- Knowledge of heavy machinery such as tractors and loaders and their various implements
- Self-motivated
- Solid communication and analytical skills
- Adaptable—able to thrive in a constantly changing work environment
- Enthusiastic, energetic, creative team member, able and willing to participate in community life

REQUIREMENTS

- Must have a valid driver's license
- This position is physically demanding and requires the applicant to be able to lift 50 pounds on a regular basis, and function in physical positions such as stooping, bending, turning, twisting, walking, reaching and squatting
- Ability to work in cold, hot, wet and humid environmental conditions