



Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre

Position: Science & Nature - Summer Camp Leader (Two Positions available)

Hours: 40 hours/week

Work Term: June 25th to end of August 2019 - up to 10 weeks

Compensation: \$16.50/hr

What We Do: This is our 7th year offering nature immersion summer camps based at the Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre in Cowichan Bay. The Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre is an educational interpretive centre in the Cowichan Estuary, a 400-hectare estuarine ecosystem. The Nature Centre offers programming for schools, youth and the general public, and summer science camps, focused on local watersheds, conservation and climate adaptation and also engages the community in citizen science and ecosystem protection and restoration projects in the Cowichan and Koksilah Watersheds. Visitors and program participants can see and touch marine and intertidal creatures in our aquarium and touch tank; use our microscopes, telescopes and interactive displays, and learn about wildlife along our oceanfront interpretive trail, from our viewing tower and through hands-on science projects. The Nature Centre is kept open to the public by a dedicated team of volunteer docents and educational programs are led by professional nature interpreters assisted by volunteers.

Job Description: Science & Nature Summer Camp Leader

The role of the Summer Camp Leader is a hands-on, energy intensive position. The Summer Camp Leaders will assist the Summer Camp Coordinator in final preparations for the summer science & nature camp programs including program activities, learning outcomes, and schedules. They will be mentored and trained in understanding the estuarine environment in which they will be working and in related environmental issues, topics, and concerns to support them in delivering an locally focused summer science and nature camp.

May & June: The Summer Camp Leaders will assist in the delivery of programs to school aged children visiting the Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre. Other duties will include assisting the Coordinator in developing activities and schedules for the summer camps to be delivered in July and August. The Leaders will also be able to develop new interpretive displays and information available to the public visiting the Nature Centre.

July & August: The Summer Camp Leaders, along with the Summer Camp Coordinator, will be the team delivering the summer science and nature camps for groups up to 12 children and include science, art, and recreation activities. The Summer Camp Leaders may also assist the Coordinator with public education events for families, seniors, and tourists.

Duties

- Assist the summer camp coordinator in developing and planning curriculum, including inquiry science-based activities, arts, games, and crafts.
- Lead summer science camps to groups of children and youth each week, including preparation and clean up.
- Take responsibility for the welfare and learning of students, including reviewing campers' medical forms and releases prior to each week's camp, setting behavior limits and ensuring safe and appropriate camper behavior as needed.
- Deliver community education and awareness programs, such as nature walks and school programs.
- Prepare publicity and promotional materials.
- Upkeep and monitor camp supplies.
- Train, mentor, and coordinate youth volunteers for the Nature Centre.
- Perform other general office duties including answer phone, email and in-office inquiries.
- Available for some weekends and evenings as required.



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Qualifications:

- Accountable, enthusiastic, adaptable, and self-starting.
- Passion for working with children and youth.
- A love of the outdoors, play and hands on activities
- Experience working with children and youth, managing behaviors and creating safe spaces to foster learning
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team within a non-profit organization.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills; comfortable interacting with the public.
- Willing to ask for help and accept feedback.
- Computer skills in a Microsoft Office suite, social media and website maintenance an asset.
- Applicants must be between 15 and 30 years old
- Preferably studying or demonstrated interest in one of the following fields: Education, Child and Youth Care or associated degrees; Biology, Earth and Ocean Sciences, Environmental sciences or associated degrees.
- As per the national priority to improve access to the labour market for youth who face unique barriers, preference will be given to **young women in the sciences who are currently enrolled in or aim to be enrolled in post secondary studies in science, or whom are currently pursuing a career in the sciences.**

How to Apply: Please submit a cover letter and resume by **11:59pm April 15th** via email, mail or in person to:

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Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre thanks all applicants for their interest. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Positions are subject to Canada Summer Jobs funding.

