



Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre

1845 Cowichan Bay Road at Hecate Park, Cowichan Bay, BC www.cowichanestuary.ca

Contract Position – Nature Educator

\$20/hr

Start date: Sept 2022

The Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre is expanding its team of Nature Educators to lead our school programs for grades K-9 at our Centre on the shore of the Cowichan Estuary in the Cowichan Valley.

As an educator you would lead or co-lead (depending on the size of the class) 1hr - 1.5hour nature and ecology programs for learners predominantly in Grades K-9. Our programs focus on hands-on experiential learning, include time outside in nature and covers topics such as: estuary wildlife, watershed health, climate change, environmental science, nature conservation, biology, etc., and may include social studies and historical content, using curriculum and resources provided by the Centre. At low tide activities may include mud digs and beach seines in the intertidal zone to explore resident sea life.

The programs are mostly based at the Nature Centre, indoors and outside, and also may include teaching and supporting students grades 5 and up in watershed restoration planting at sites in the Cowichan and Koksilah watershed. There are also opportunities to lead programming during Spring Break camps, Summer Programs, and for older high school students and adults, including community workshops, and to get creative in developing new curriculum offerings.

Hours for this contractor position can vary greatly and will depend on the interest and availability of the contractor. The busy season tends to be Sept-Oct and April-June. We are hoping to expand our programming to some in-school classroom modules we can offer between November and March.

Desirable skills

- Education or equivalent experience in Environmental Studies/Science, Biology/Marine Biology, Natural Resource Management, Geography, Geology, Chemistry, Sustainability
- At least 2 years of experience in education or nature interpretation
- Confidence in leading and managing groups of students from kindergarten to grade 9
- Comfortable improvising and working with children in a nature education role

Required

- Current Criminal record/Vulnerable sector check
- Current First Aid
- Reliable vehicle

Contact: coordinator@cowichanestuary.ca

For more information, see:

<http://www.cowichanestuary.ca/programs/school-programs/>