



Salish Sea Research and Education Society

Summer Camp Environmental Educator Opportunities

The [Salish Sea Research & Education Society](#) (SSRES) is looking for a passionate summer camp environmental educator to lead two series of four-day camp sessions this summer. The camp instructor will help lead a group of 16 students, ages 8-12, through a marine education-based curriculum. We are looking for an individual who loves sharing and teaching about nature, particularly marine biology, to young people, and who understands that inspiring students to know and care about their environment is key to cultivating stewardship of our precious watersheds and the oceans upon which we depend.

This is a temporary part-time position for July 2022.

About the Salish Sea Research and Education Society

The SSRES is a young organization, partnering with other local non-profits and Takaya Tours to host cultural and educational programming in the Salish Sea's Burrard Inlet. The SSRES' long-term mission is to establish a vibrant hub of research, learning and citizen science, focused on watershed and marine health, ocean science and innovation, here on Port Moody's waterfront. The goal is to provide opportunities to learn, study and problem-solve – to experience a deeper appreciation of the marine environment by cultivating a community of curiosity and care.

The summer camps will inspire students to know and care about the Salish Sea. The primary purpose of the Environmental Educator is to create a fun learning atmosphere for students while providing opportunities for children to make discoveries on their own. Place-based education is key. These summer camps are designed to provide an introduction to the water world at our doorstep – the vast flora and fauna that call this Inlet home – along with the Tsleil-Waututh Nation and other Coast Salish Peoples, who have depended on the Inlet's bounty for millennia. The Environmental Educator's responsibility will be to lead the shoreline programming, while complementing the teachings of the Takaya guide and Camp Jubilee instructor(s). The Environmental Educator will be primarily responsible for organizing and delivering the summer camp program overall.

The Environmental Educator will work with the SSRES volunteer and Board of Directors to coordinate the summer camp logistics. This involves program preparation, collecting and managing registration information and data, collecting waivers, communicating with parents, and coordinating volunteers. In addition, the Environmental Educator will act as the main educator for this program. As the main educator, s/he is expected to fulfill a leadership role to the participants and also to the volunteer educators, providing assistance and guidance as needed.

Job Description

The main duties of the Environmental Educator are to:

- Lead the summer camp programming;
- Introduce children to ocean biology and conservation;

- Lead children in science-based games and activities on board a vessel and on land;
- Lead children on safe and educational nature walks;
- Act as a naturalist interpreter for the participants;
- Assist with registration information, as needed;
- Communicate with parents, as needed;
- Use inquiry-based teaching techniques to promote curiosity and excitement in children;
- Provide support and leadership to volunteer educators during the camp program; and,
- Set up and take down materials for the summer camps each week.

Required Qualifications

- Ideally, a background in (marine) science, environmental issues and/or sustainability;
- Some experience working with children (ages 8-12), preferably in a group or teaching environment;
- Proven leadership skills and exceptional teamwork abilities;
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills;
- Planning, organizational, multi-tasking and self-directed work skills;
- Clear criminal record check for the vulnerable sector within the last five years or ability to obtain and pass a clear criminal record check;
- Minimum emergency First Aid and CPR C level certification within the last three years;
- Marine biology experience is highly desired;
- Have regular access to a reliable vehicle and valid driver's license is highly desired but not required.

Additionally, applicants must:

- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act for the duration of the employment; and,
- Have a valid Social Insurance Number at the start of employment and be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations.

Term of Appointment

This part-time temporary position is based in Port Moody, BC and encompasses the last two weeks in July (July 18th-21st, and 25th-28th). Part-time hours are approximately 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, (Monday to Thursday), for approximately 30 hours per week. Start-up preparation to occur on July 4, 2022 with final administrative closure on July 29, 2022.

Remuneration

\$22.00-25.00 CDN per hour, depending on qualifications and experience.

Ready to apply?

Please provide a cover letter, resume and at least two references, and email to:

ATTN: Kristen Peck at salishseares@gmail.com

We thank all of those who apply and wish everyone success with their summer ventures.