

Wild Child Forest School: Full Time Summer Staff Position

We are looking for someone magical with children to help deliver Wild Child Forest School Programming for the summer in the Halifax areas of Bedford and Grand Lake/Oakfield for our 2017 Summer Season. Our ideal candidate would love being outside in all weathers, enjoy playing & supervising children, with an eye for safety and risk management.

About Sierra Club Canada Foundation

Sierra Club Canada Foundation empowers people to protect, restore and enjoy a healthy and safe planet. SCCF's objective is to protect and restore the health of the natural environment, including communities, by empowering Sierra Club members and its citizens through education and action.

Wild Child Forest School is a project of Sierra Club Canada Foundation that provides child led, play-based learning through repeated exposure to nature. At forest school we empower children to take the lead on their learning in a natural setting over time, which may mean getting wet, dirty, making stuff with tools, and learn to extend their limits in a thoughtful and intentional way.

Tasks and Responsibilities:

As part of the staffing team, you will:

- Contribute to the development & delivery Wild Child Forest School programming with the Wild Child NS leaders.
- Lead songs, tell stories, inspire enthusiasm, and create a positive atmosphere for children in a natural setting
- Support the development of a child's ability to navigate risks
- Mediate conflicts between participants maintaining dignity and respect for everyone involved
- Ensure proper protocols and Safe Work Practices are enacted
- Foster curiosity and excitement about nature
- Maintain session notes and contributions to social media platforms

Qualifications:

In order to qualify for an Assistant Leader position, we would like for you to have:

- Some post-secondary training in a relevant area (Early Childhood Education, Science, Psychology, Education, etc.) or sufficient qualifying experience
- Be an excellent communicator and team player
- Have previous experience working with children
- Love nature and being outside in it (this include bugs, getting dirty, & playing in the rain)
- Have a positive fun attitude, yet professional approach

Applicants must also be prepared to provide a clean Criminal Records Check with Vulnerable Sector Screen and a clear Child Abuse Registry Search.

Valid First Aid with AED/CPR-C or Wilderness First Aid would be considered an asset.

Valid Driver's License and access to a reliable car would also be considered an asset.

Dates and Times of Work:

Forest School Summer Student Position: This position is a Canada Summer Job positions, and candidates must:

- be between 15 and 30 years of age (inclusive) at the start of employment;
- registered as a full-time student during the preceding academic year;
- intends to return to school on a full-time basis during the next academic year;
- is a student in a secondary, post-secondary, CEGEP (Quebec only), vocational or technical program;
- is a Canadian Citizen, permanent resident, or person on whom refugee protection has been conferred under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* and*;
- is legally entitled to work according to the relevant provincial / territorial legislation and regulations

This position will be 10 weeks, from June 26th to September 1st, Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Remuneration: \$11/hr, 40hours/week

Deadline: June 9th or until position is filled. If you think you are the ideal candidate, please apply early.

To apply, please submit a resume and cover letter outlining your education, experience and interest as an email attachment to Heidi Verheul, Wild Child Program Coordinator at wildchild@sierraclub.ca. Please include "Summer Student Application" in the subject line of your email.

Sierra Club Canada Foundation is committed to creating a diverse work environment and is proud to be an equal opportunity employer.