

Summer Student Job Posting – 2017

Strathcona Park Wilderness Centre – Visitor Services Staffer at Buttle Lake

Strathcona Wilderness Institute (SWI) is looking for an energetic outdoor-loving student with an interest in working with the public in a park environment. The student will staff the Buttle Hut, beside the Park HQ at Buttle Lake, Strathcona Park (on Westmin Road, off Highway 28). The position is expected to work 40 hours per week that will include weekends, for approximately 12 weeks June – August (subject to change). The rate of pay is \$13 per hour. The student is expected to arrange their own transportation; camping may be arranged for at the Park HQ.

Qualifications:

The ideal candidate will meet the following qualifications:

- Post-secondary level student with completed courses in relevant subjects (e.g. biology, environment, outdoor education, tourism)
- Eligible for the Canada Summer Jobs Programme (be between 15-30 years of age, registered as a full-time student, returning to full-time studies in the fall, and be legally entitled to work in Canada)
- Demonstrate the following characteristics:
 - some knowledge of Strathcona Park and Natural History
 - ability to work independently and as part of a team
 - good communication and organizational skills
 - self motivated and self reliant
 - creative (skills in writing, photography, computer technology)
 - a second language is an asset
- Valid driver's license

All qualified students, including students with disabilities, aboriginal students and students from visible minorities are encouraged to apply. It is strongly recommended that applicants learn about the work of SWI through the SWI website: www.strathconapark.org

Tasks and Responsibilities:

The primary responsibilities of the Buttle Lake Visitor Services Staffer will be to:

- a) Welcome diverse visitors to the Buttle Lake area, ranging from local to international, youth to senior, athletic to mobility-challenged.
- b) Provide information about Park trails, plants, and wildlife, and about safe and appropriate behaviour in the Park.
- c) Promote SWI programmes (Nature walks, guided hikes, special events), sell books, brochures and refreshments, and record visitor statistics.
- d) Assist with the delivery of interpretive programmes in the area; this may involve liaison with other organizations with an interest in the Park (such as Comox Valley Nature, Comox District Mountaineering Club, BC Parks).

Please note: the Buttle Lake Hut is a remote location without access to power or Wifi. The student may choose to arrange for camping accommodations at the Park HQ site, or they may commute to the site (approximately 35 km drive one-way from Campbell River).

Application:

To apply, please send a resume and covering letter referencing “Visitor Services Staffer – Buttle Lake” that clearly indicate how you meet the requirements for this position. For more information, email: strathconawilderness@gmail.com

Apply to:

Judy Norbury, Chair of SWI Board

Email: judynorbury@shaw.ca

Closing date for applications: Open until filled.

Starting date for positions: early June (subject to change)

All applications will be acknowledged by email.

Please note: positions are subject to funding.