

## Summer Student Job Posting – 2017

### **Strathcona Park Wilderness Centre – Visitor Services Staffer**

Strathcona Wilderness Institute (SWI) is looking for two enthusiastic and energetic students with an interest in working with the public in a park environment. The students will assist with staffing at the Strathcona Park Wilderness Centre (managed by SWI) at Paradise Meadows in Strathcona Provincial Park. The Visitor Services Staffer 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.

#### **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:
  - 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 are an asset, as is a second language)
- Valid driver's license (the student is expected to arrange their own transportation to the Centre – carpooling may be possible)

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](http://www.strathconapark.org)

#### **Tasks and Responsibilities**

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

- a) Welcome diverse visitors to Paradise Meadows 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 the SWI programmes (Nature walks, guided hikes, special events), sell books, brochures and refreshments, record visitor statistics, manage the loan of SWI resources including wheelchairs and hiking accessories.

- d) Assist with the delivery of interpretive programmes and assist with the website, social media and publicity of SWI Programmes; this may involve liaison with other organizations with an interest in the Park such as Comox Valley Nature, Comox District Mountaineering Club and BC Parks.

Application:

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

Apply to:

Judy Norbury, Chair of SWI Board

Email: [judynorbury@shaw.ca](mailto: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.