

## Summer Student Job Posting – 2026

### SWI Environmental Program – Naturalist Interpreter/Research Assistant

#### Subject to Funding

Strathcona Wilderness Institute (SWI) is looking for **two** enthusiastic and energetic students with an interest in working in Strathcona Park. The students will assist in SWI's Research and Educational programs that focus on the protection of the environment in Strathcona Park, primarily in leading our interpretive walks/hikes as well as contributing to SWI's Floral and Faunal Inventories to monitor diversity and conservation issues in the Park. The positions will be 35 hours per week for 8 weeks late June to end August. The rate of pay is \$22.00 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)
- Eligible for the Canada Summer Jobs Programme (be between 15-30 years of age 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
  - reasonable level of fitness to undertake multi-day hikes
  - experience in use of camera or iPhone to record data
  - experience in uploading data to iNaturalist
- Valid driver's license (the student is expected to arrange their own transportation to the Centre but some compensation for gas expenses will be made.)

SWI practices Employment Equity in its hiring policy. All qualified individuals 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 Naturalist Interpreter/Research Assistant will be to:

- a) Assist the SWI Directors in organizing and delivering the Summer Educational & Research Programs to the public in the Forbidden Plateau and Buttle Lake areas, namely as leaders of our interpretive hikes / walks for visitors to the Park.
- b) Assist in SWI's ongoing Floral and Faunal Inventories for the Park to monitor diversity and conservation issues, collating and uploading observations made on assigned trails to the SWI DATA COLLECTION PROJECT on iNaturalist.
- c) Undertake an assigned research project and be responsible at the end of the season for a presentation (electronic or actual) to the public on their findings



**Application:**

To apply, please send a resume, transcript and covering letter referencing “Environmental Program Naturalist Interpreter/Research Assistant” that clearly indicates how you meet the requirements for this position.

**Apply to:**

Judy Norbury, Chair of SWI Board

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

For more information, email: [strathconawilderness@gmail.com](mailto:strathconawilderness@gmail.com)

Please note that we will not know until late April or early May whether our application has been successful. However, we list all our potential positions (subject to funding) and encourage those interested in working for SWI to apply, so that we have their names on our list of potential candidates.

