

Summer Student Job Posting – 2025

Strathcona Park Wilderness Centre – Visitor Information Counsellor

Subject to Funding

Strathcona Wilderness Institute (SWI) is looking for an enthusiastic and energetic person with an interest in working with the public in a park environment. She or he will assist with staffing at the Strathcona Park Wilderness Centre (managed by SWI) at Paradise Meadows in Strathcona Provincial Park and help the SWI Programs' Coordinator. The Visitor Information Counsellor position will be 35-40 hours per week, for 8 weeks during the period from beginning July to late August. The rate of pay is \$21 per hour.

Qualifications

The ideal candidate will meet the following qualifications:

- Secondary or 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 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 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

Tasks and Responsibilities

The primary responsibilities of the Visitor Information Counsellor 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; encourage hikers to report flora and fauna sightings as requested in SWI's brochure.
- c) Promote and assist with SWI educational and research programs: electronic and actual presentations in the amphitheatre, interpretive walk & hikes; sell books, brochures and maps, and record visitor statistics.



Application:

To apply, please send a resume, unofficial transcript and covering letter referencing “Visitor Information Counsellor” that clearly indicates 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

Please note that we will not know until April 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 contact us to have their names on our list of potential candidates. Since we have received funding from the CSJ Program for the past 11 years we are confident that we will be successful.

