

## Indigenous Cultural Interpreter

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### JOB OVERVIEW

The Indigenous Cultural Program Interpreter (ICI) is responsible for facilitating Indigenous cultural learning experiences, primarily with elementary and secondary school student groups. Cheakamus Centre is also expanding workshop opportunities for post-secondary students and adult groups. Programs take place at Cheakamus Centre's Coast Salish longhouse, situated next to the Ch'iyákmesh (Cheakamus) River and surrounding 420 acre ecological preserve. While programs operate both indoors and outdoors, the overall experience is primarily outdoors, immersed in nature. The Cheakamus Centre is seeking staff members who are interested in Coast-Salish culture and who are excited about working with children and youth. This is a dynamic role that involves working in a close-knit team, with the goal of creating meaningful and enjoyable learning experiences for all.

### PRIMARY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Meet or exceed the knowledge, skills and aptitudes for the Job Standard for program staff that includes, but is not limited to:

- Facilitate hands-on Indigenous cultural learning activities (e.g., cedar bark weaving, wood working, wool weaving, ethnobotany and hunting and fishing techniques).
- Assist with leading Indigenous cultural program experiences, using agreed upon cultural content in a meaningful, professional and interactive way (e.g., traditional welcome, family group activities, storytelling, drumming, etc.)
- Assist with preparation of supplies and facilities for cultural activities (e.g. fire starting, cedar bark and wool preparation) and clean up at the end of the day
- Ensure the cleanliness and safety of the longhouse facility and all associated buildings/structures (wood working area, fish camp, cooking areas etc.)
- Contribute to creating a safe and inclusive learning environment for all
- Collaborate with other departmental areas to ensure educational program delivery success
- Follow all Cheakamus Centre policies and procedures to ensure your safety and the safety of others
- Represent the best interests of Cheakamus Centre and by extension the North Vancouver School District in all external dealings
- Adhere to all human resources policies and procedures
- Assist with additional tasks as required

### DESIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Understanding of Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) culture, or willingness to learn
- Ability to share Indigenous culture in a thoughtful, meaningful and engaging way
- Knowledge of local history, environment/ecology, and cultural practices
- Ability to work effectively independently and in a highly collaborative team environment
- Ability to problem solve using critical thinking skills
- Ability to stand for extended periods of time and can walk for distances of up to 1km
- Excellent communication, public speaking and program facilitation skills

### PREREQUISITES



- Experience working with children and/or youth
- Knowledge of Indigenous cultural practices, history and ways of knowing
- First Aid and FoodSafe certification desirable, or willingness to obtain
- Current and clean Criminal Record Check, with Vulnerable Sector Screening
- Access to reliable transportation preferred (site is not accessible by public transportation)

## **DIVERSITY**

Cheakamus Centre is committed to respecting diversity within our workforce; preference will be given to individuals with Indigenous ancestry (First Nations, Inuit, Metis). If you are interested in this position, but are unsure if you have the correct experience, we encourage you to still get in touch! We are happy to provide training and arrange mentorship for growth oriented and enthusiastic individuals.

## **REPORTING RELATIONSHIP**

The Indigenous Cultural Interpreter is employed by Listel Canada and reports to the Cultural Program Coordinator.

## **WORK TERM**

- September 2024 – June 2025 (excluding holidays and non-programming times), with opportunities available to continue during the 2025 - 2026 school program year.

## **HOURS**

This is a shift position based on program bookings that requires some flexibility. Most shifts occur during the day between 8:30am-4:30pm on weekdays, Monday – Friday. Preference will be given to candidates who are also available to work afternoon - evening shifts (1:00pm – 8:00pm), 2 or 3 days a week. Full-time or Part-time work available.

## **COMPENSATION**

Starting wage is \$20 per hour.

Staff meals are provided during programming periods.

MSP coverage and extended health benefits provided for full-time employees. Staff discounts available at Listel Hotels and Listel owned restaurants.

## **ABOUT US**

Located on 420 acres of ecological preserve lands in the Cheakamus River Valley near Squamish, BC, Cheakamus Centre is a world-class outdoor learning centre that brings together the values of environmental stewardship and sustainability through place-based learning. We would like to thank the Skwxwú7mesh Nation, upon whose unceded traditional territory Cheakamus Centre resides. We value the opportunity to welcome others to learn, gather and share in nature on this traditional territory. The land Cheakamus Centre is situated on has always been a place of learning for the Ch'iyáƙmesh people, who for millennia have passed on their culture, history, and traditions from one generation to the next on this site.

Cheakamus Centre is committed to supporting and building a diverse and inclusive workplace community. We welcome and respect the diverse backgrounds, experiences and talents of our staff and believe this contributes to programs that are welcoming, relevant and accessible for learners of all ages.

For more information on Cheakamus Centre, visit our website at [www.cheakamuscentre.ca](http://www.cheakamuscentre.ca).



**APPLICATION DEADLINE**

Applications will remain open, as multiple positions are available. However, please submit your application ASAP, so interviews and training can occur as close to the beginning of the program season as possible.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

Please email a cover letter and résumé to: [jobs@cheakamuscentre.ca](mailto:jobs@cheakamuscentre.ca).

Please include 'Indigenous Cultural Interpreter' in the subject line of your email.

Please let us know if you require any accommodation during the recruitment process.