

Indigenous Cultural Program Leader

JOB OVERVIEW

Cheakamus Centre is seeking community-minded Indigenous Cultural Program Leaders who are passionate about sharing cultural teachings and helping others build strong connections to the land, culture, and one another. Programs take place at the Cheakamus Centre Longhouse. Situated next to the Chiyámesh (Cheakamus) River and surrounding 165-hectare ecological preserve, the Longhouse provides an ideal setting for creating meaningful and enjoyable learning experiences for all. Cheakamus Centre is seeking staff members who are passionate about Coast-Salish culture and who enjoy working with children and youth in a land-based setting.

We recognize that cultural knowledge comes in many forms—whether passed down through family, learned through lived experience, or shared through community connection—and we welcome applications from diverse backgrounds.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Lead hands-on Indigenous cultural learning activities such as wool weaving, cedar bark weaving, woodworking, traditional games and ethnobotany walks
- Assist with leading indigenous cultural program experiences, using agreed upon cultural content in a meaningful, professional and interactive way (e.g., traditional welcomes, storytelling, drumming, traditional cooking)
- Assist with preparation of supplies and facilities for cultural program activities (e.g. fire starting, cedar bark and wool preparation, meal service set up) and clean up at the end of the day
- Contribute to creating a safe and inclusive learning environment for all
- Follow all Cheakamus Centre policies and procedures to ensure your safety and the safety of others
- Assist with additional support tasks as needed

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Understanding of Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) culture, or willingness to learn
- Experience working with children and/or youth
- Desire to share Indigenous culture in a thoughtful, meaningful and engaging way
- Ability to work effectively independently and in a highly collaborative team environment
- Ability to work in an outdoor setting, to stand for extended periods of time and walk for distances of up to 1km
- Good communication, public speaking and program facilitation skills

QUALIFICATIONS

- Criminal Record Check, with Vulnerable Sector Screening
- Basic First Aid (OFA Level 1) or willingness to obtain (Cheakamus Centre can help support this)
- Access to transportation or willingness to carpool (site is not accessible by public transportation)

If you are interested in this position, but are unsure if you have the experience, we encourage you to still get in touch! We are happy to provide training and arrange mentorship for growth oriented and enthusiastic individuals.

DIVERSITY

Cheakamus Centre is committed to respecting diversity within our workforce; preference will be given to individuals with Indigenous ancestry (First Nations, Inuit, Metis).

JOB TERM

February – June, 2026 (excluding holidays and non-programming times), with option to extend for 2026-2027 school year. Limited work available through the summer months (July and August)

HOURS

Full-time and Part-time positions available

This is a shift position based on program bookings that requires some flexibility. A majority of shifts occur during the day between 8:30am-3:30pm on weekdays, Monday – Friday. Occasional afternoon and evening shifts are also available.

COMPENSATION

- Hourly wage range: \$20 to \$23 per hour, based on knowledge and experience
- Staff meals provided during programming periods
- Staff discounts available at Listel Hotels and Listel owned restaurants

ABOUT US

Located on 165 hectares 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 Chiyámesh 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.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Open until filled. Hiring for multiple positions.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please email a cover letter and résumé to Matt at: jobs@cheakamuscentre.ca.

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