

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION LEADERSHIP INTERN (EELI)

OVERVIEW

This volunteer internship position plays a supporting role in the educational programming at Cheakamus Centre. Duties include acting as a leadership mentor for youth, supporting high school counsellors, visiting teachers and program staff during programs, updating program materials and participating in stewardship initiatives. This volunteer position is a great opportunity to develop skills and gain experience in outdoor and environmental education and youth leadership through close mentorship by program staff.

PRIMARY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist program staff in supporting youth leadership during field studies, afternoon and evening programs
- Provide program support for visiting teachers and Cheakamus Centre staff
- Liaise with visiting teachers and program staff regarding any program or student concerns
- Assist Cheakamus Centre staff with stewardship initiatives
- Assist program staff with the training of high school counsellors
- Assist program staff in maintaining, updating and developing program materials
- Occasionally assist with other educational programs at the Cheakamus Centre

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- First Aid Certificate – OFA Level I minimum, or willing to obtain
- Willing to submit a current Criminal Record Check, with Vulnerable Sector Check
- Strong interest in developing leadership skills
- Strong interest in environmental stewardship initiatives
- Works effectively independently and in a collaborative team environment
- Ability to work varied hours including occasional evenings and weekends
- Friendly, positive and enthusiastic approach
- Comfortable living and working in a shared residential setting

DESIRED SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Experience working with children and/or youth in an outdoor educational setting
- Valid driver's license preferred
- Strong interest in West Coast ecology and its natural & cultural history
- Strong communication skills

BENEFITS OF POSITION

- Gain valuable experience assisting with environmental education programs
- Develop strong leadership skills through direct supervision and mentorship
- Gain demonstrated experience supervising children and youth
- Participate in, and learn about, local stewardship initiatives
- Gain experience developing educational program materials
- Build knowledge of local, natural and cultural history
- Gain confidence in group management and public speaking skills



VOLUNTEER INTERNSHIP TERM

Fall: October 27th, 2025 – December 17th, 2025

Winter: January 6th, 2026 to March 13th, 2026

Spring: March 31, 2026 to May 15, 2026

The majority of shifts will fall in the 9:00-5:00pm range with weekly hours averaging 30-35 hours per program week.

**Preference will be given to applicants who are available for the duration of the term, however flexibility is possible for those who are a great fit for the role.*

LOCATION

Cheakamus Centre, Brackendale, BC (near Squamish)

COMPENSATION

- Room & Partial Board – *please note: meals are only provided during programming periods*
- Outdoor environmental education and leadership training
- Honorarium of \$1,000 provided upon completion of the term

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 Ch'iyákmesh 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 PROCESS

Please email a résumé and cover letter detailing how you meet the required (and/or desired) knowledge, skills and abilities to: jobs@cheakamuscentre.ca

Please include 'EELI' in the subject line of your email.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Open until filled.

We thank you for your interest in employment with Cheakamus Centre. Please note that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.