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Indigenous Cultural Program Leader

JOB OVERVIEW

The Indigenous Cultural Program Leader facilitates land-based learning experiences with education groups at the Cheakamus Centre Coast Salish Longhouse. Situated next to the Ch'iyák̲mesh (Cheakamus) River and surrounding 165-hectare ecological reserve, 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, who are interested in sharing their culture in a hands-on and land-based setting and who are excited about working with children and youth.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Facilitate hands-on indigenous cultural learning activities such as wool weaving, cedar bark weaving, woodworking, traditional games and ethnobotany
- Assist with leading indigenous cultural program experiences, using agreed upon cultural content in a meaningful, professional and interactive ways (e.g., traditional welcomes, family group activities, 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 KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Understanding of Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (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

PREREQUISITES

- Current and clean Criminal Record Check, with Vulnerable Sector Screening
- Access to reliable transportation (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).

WORK TERM

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February to June 2027 (excluding holidays and non-programming times), with opportunities available to continue during the 2027-2028 school year.

HOURS

Full-time or Part-time options 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-4:30pm on weekdays, Monday – Friday. Afternoon - evening shifts are also available (1:00pm – 8:00pm), 2-3 days a week during the month of May.

COMPENSATION

- Hourly wage range: $21 to $24 per hour, based on experience
- Staff meals provided during programming periods
- Staff discounts available at Listel Hotels and Listel owned restaurants

ABOUT US

Located on 165 ha 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' iyáḵ mesh 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: jobs@cheakamuscentre.ca.
Please include 'Indigenous Cultural Program Leader' in the subject line of your email.