

CHEAKAMUS CENTRE

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CULTURAL PROGRAM INTERN

OVERVIEW

This volunteer internship position plays a supporting role in the Cultural programming at Cheakamus Centre. Duties to be undertaken will support the delivery of the Skw'unc-was cultural immersion program, as well as other Cultural programs, and will include providing logistical support for the programs, shadowing and learning traditional knowledge from the cultural staff, helping teach traditional skills to Grade 3 and 4 students, as well as updating program materials. This volunteer position is a great opportunity to develop skills and gain experience in outdoor and cultural education, as well as to develop meaningful relations with our local First Nations staff. The Cultural Program Intern reports to the Cultural Program Coordinator.

PRIMARY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist cultural staff in supporting cultural education during the Skw'unc-was program (2 days stay for grade 3/4), and other cultural program bookings
- Assist students and teachers in the discovery of new cultural experiences
- Provide support to deliver the activities and learn to lead the cultural activities
- Assist program staff and coordinator to maintain, update and develop program materials
- Provide support with administrative tasks and classification of information
- Provide other program support as required

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Demonstrated strong interest in developing leadership skills
- Strong interest in cultural education and transmission of traditional knowledge
- Previous experience working with First Nations not required but is an asset
- Works effectively independently and in a collaborative team environment
- Ability to work varied hours including evenings and occasional weekends
- Friendly, positive and enthusiastic approach

DESIRED SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- First Aid Certificate – OFA Level I, or willing to obtain
- Experience working with children and/or youth in an outdoor educational setting
- Valid driver's license preferred
- Willing to obtain current Criminal Record Check, with Vulnerable Sector Check
- Comfortable living and working in a shared residential setting

BENEFITS OF POSITION

- Gain valuable experience assisting with cultural education programs
- Develop strong leadership skills through direct supervision and mentorship
- Gain demonstrated experience supervising children and youth
- Participate in and learn about traditional transmission of knowledge
- Build knowledge of local First Nation's culture and build meaningful relationship
- Gain confidence in group management and public speaking skills

VOLUNTEER WORK TERMS & START DATE

Shifts will include a combination of day, evenings and occasional weekend work, based on program bookings. Though these are overnight programs, no overnight support is required from the Cultural Intern.

Fall Term: Late Sept to Early Nov 2018)

Spring Term: TBD (April to June 2019)

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COMPENSATION

Room & partial board, outdoor environmental and cultural education and leadership training + honorarium, provided upon completion of the term.

Note: meals are only provided during programming periods.

ABOUT US

Cheakamus Centre is a unique environmental learning centre designed to provide exceptional learning and hospitality experiences inspired by nature. Situated on 165 hectares of ecological reserve in the Cheakamus River Valley near Squamish, BC, Cheakamus Centre is seeking a highly motivated individual interested in learning about and supporting the delivery of the Skw'une-was program. This overnight cultural immersion designed for Grade 3 and 4 students has been central to Cheakamus Centre's activities for more than 30 years.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Fall Term: June 24th, 2018, or until position has been filled

Spring Term: November 15th, or until position has been filled

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please email a cover letter stating why you are the best person for this opportunity with your résumé to:

jobs@cheakamuscentre.ca

Please include 'Cultural Intern' in the subject line of your email, and indicate the term you are interested in applying for.

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