

Nova Scotia Youth Corps Summer Student Intern

Position Title:	Nature & Trails Engagement Facilitator
Number of Positions:	1
Location:	Shelburne, Nova Scotia
Position Status:	Temporary, 9 weeks [June 26 – August 25, 2017]
Hours:	Full-time [35 hours per week]
Wage:	<u>Minimum</u> \$11.75/hour

Clean makes homes more [energy efficient](#), [restores streams & watersheds](#), [engages youth](#) on the environment, promotes [green transportation](#), mitigates the effects of [stormwater](#), helps communities reduce [waste](#), and contributes to public policy discussions.

That's [what](#) we do. [Why](#) we do it is to help create a more sustainable society in Atlantic Canada. We work for a clean climate & clean water, and, to help us get there, we foster, educate and support clean leaders in our communities.

Clean is a non-profit, non-governmental environment organization created in 1988 through an [Act of the Legislature](#) in Nova Scotia. However, we receive no core government funding. We run the charity through money raised for our many programs and projects, which can come from agencies, businesses, government departments, foundations and individual citizens.

You may know us as Clean Nova Scotia, but we work on projects in other parts of Atlantic Canada, throughout the traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik. That's why we say we're just *Clean*.

We are currently seeking a hardworking, dynamic and motivated individual to add to our Youth Corps team for summer 2017, who has a strong passion for people and the environment. Our approach is always collaborative and team oriented.

Program Overview:



Youth Corps

In Nova Scotia, more than half of our young people leave the province after graduation. But what if they were given the skills and opportunities to join a vibrant green economy here at home?

The Youth Corps wants to inspire, develop and nurture an interest in jobs that support a future-looking economy and a sustainable environment. By tapping into a student's journey mid-way through school, our training and internship program offers new green options in career path decisions – while giving young minds the tools they need for future success.

The Youth Corps builds connections between youth and local organizations to stimulate stewardship for the natural environment and support the emergence of young community leaders. This is accomplished by providing students with training and employment opportunities through paid work placements with community-based organizations. And our Aboriginal Leadership Program builds on the Youth Corps to focus on the needs of First Nations youth while bringing traditional indigenous knowledge into the program. Our goal at Clean is to help build that foundation on which students can build their careers, and grow into the thoughtful, creative policy-makers and CEOs of tomorrow.

Position Overview:

The host for this Summer Student Intern position through Youth Corps will be the Recreation & Parks Department, Municipality of the District of Shelburne, reporting to Adam Dedrick, Director of Recreation & Parks. In this position, you will be mainly responsible for helping people connect to nature through educational and engaging activities and increasing the profile of local Municipal walking trails. You will develop, coordinate, promote and deliver educational, nature-based resources and activities that will:

1. Engage people to experience the benefits of nature;
2. Create awareness of the importance of the natural environment and its positive impact on healthy human development;
3. Utilize the Municipal walking trails and highlight their many benefits. Daily duties will vary depending on the objective.

Skills required:

- Leadership skills – leading workshops and activities with children, youth and families;
- Organizational skills – effectively manage several tasks and duties as well as develop, plan coordinate and implement numerous activities;
- Communication skills – interpersonal skills with other staff, volunteers and participants as well as written and verbal communication skills;
- Planning skills – planning and implementing events, workshops and activities.

About the Host:

Municipality of the District of Shelburne is located in Southwestern Nova Scotia. The main office is located at 136 Hammond Street, Shelburne. There are seven districts within the Municipality. The Recreation & Parks Department has been in operation since 1986, offers programming throughout the year and has three staff – Director of Recreation & Parks, Recreation Coordinator and Physical Activity & Community School Coordinator. The Recreation Department maintains four walking trails and two parks. As well, during the period of this position (May to August) eight student summer staff are hired to plan and implement the children's summer recreation programs.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The Nature & Trails Engagement Facilitator will be responsible for helping people connect to nature through educational and engaging activities and increasing the profile of local Municipal walking trails. You will develop, coordinate, promote and deliver educational, nature-based resources and activities. This will be achieved through the following objectives:

- Launch and promote the Trails Adventures in the Municipality of the District of Shelburne Guidebook
- Lead guided Trail Adventures walks for families on several of the trails

- Lead Trail Adventures sessions at several Municipal summer day camps
- Update and enhance Municipal trails info on Municipal website
- Update and revise the Municipal trails brochure and promote
- *Obtain 'Re-Connecting with Nature' training, deliver workshops for children, youth and families and lead sessions at several Municipal summer day camps (if training available and if schedule permits)
- Conduct evaluations of all activities offered and completed and include with final report
- Submit a final report of the project to the Director of Recreation & Parks

Requirements/Qualifications:

- Must be a Canadian citizen or legally entitled to work in Canada;
- Must be between the ages of 15 and 30;
- Must be a full-time student and intending to return to school in fall 2017;
- Is not a member of immediate family of community partner;
- Have an aptitude for safe work practices and the ability to multi-task in a busy work environment;
- Be able to work productively as part of a team while responding to feedback;
- Demonstrates interest in future employment in the environmental or 'green' sector is considered an asset;
- Have an interest in outdoor recreation and/or nature based pursuits or activities;
- Ability to work independently, establish priorities and proceed with objectives without constant supervision;
- Must have a valid driver's license;
- Must have their own vehicle;
- Agree to complete a Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse Registry Screening;
- Emergency First Aid and CPR certification;
- Must be willing to learn new skills and be open to training (i.e. familiarization of the MDS Trails Adventure Guidebook, taking the *Re-Connecting to Nature Instructor training).

To apply, fill out the online application [here](#). After you click the 'submit' button, you will be directed to a page where you can upload your cover letter(s), resume, and letter of reference. You can also access that page directly by [clicking here](#) – note that your reference can also submit their letter on your behalf directly through that page. Your application will not be considered until we have received all of your application materials.

The deadline to apply is midnight, May 24, 2017. We appreciate all interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Clean is committed to Employment Equity and our goal is to be a diverse workforce that is representative at all job levels. We welcome applicants from Aboriginal People, Visible Minority Groups, Persons with Disabilities and Women in occupations of positions where they are under-represented. If you are a member of one of the equity groups, you are encouraged to self-identify on either your cover letter or resume.