

## Nova Scotia Youth Corps Aboriginal Leadership Intern

<b>Position Title:</b>	Wild Child Summer Camp Lead Facilitator
<b>Location:</b>	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
<b>Position Status:</b>	Temporary, 15 weeks [May 15, 2017 – August 25, 2017]
<b>Hours:</b>	Full-time [35 hours per week]
<b>Wage:</b>	<u>Minimum</u> \$13.25 per 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 Nova Scotia Youth Corps (Youth Corps) Aboriginal leadership 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.

Leadership interns will gain meaningful experience in:

- Project and event planning and coordination;
- Mentorship and supervision of staff and/or volunteers;
- Training and facilitation skills;
- Public outreach and communication;
- Networking and cross-cultural learning;
- Environmental issues, adaptations and best practices.

### **Position Overview:**

The community partner for this Summer Student Intern position through the Youth Corps will be Sierra Club Canada Foundation – Atlantic Chapter, reporting to the Wild Child Program Coordinator. In this position, you will be mainly responsible for researching, developing, planning, and facilitating a forest and nature school modelled day camp for children aged from 3-9 years of age located exclusively outdoors in a natural setting. The successful candidate needs to have passion for working with children, a love of the natural environment, and adventurous playful spirit. The successful applicant will need to provide their own weather appropriate clothing (rain gear, sturdy footwear, warm clothing) and be comfortable working in almost any weather conditions. Due to the terrain and requirements of the position, the successful candidate will need to be adequately mobile and physically able to carry materials, supplies, and equipment over challenging terrain.

### **About the Community Partner:**

Sierra Club Canada Foundation empowers people to protect, restore, and enjoy a healthy and safe planet. The Atlantic Chapter of Sierra Club Canada Foundation works through education and action to green the economy and protect the environment. Since our establishment 15 years ago, environmental education has been our niche. Since 2010, Wild Child Programs (Nature Immersion & Forest School) have been helping to connect children to nature through hands-on, fun activities and adventures.

### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Research, develop, design, and facilitate summer day camp programs based on Forest and Nature School principles;
- Research, develop, and facilitate age appropriate activities that increase indigenous history, knowledge, and culture;
- Assess and manage risks and benefits related to site, child development, play, and environmental variables;
- Encourage, facilitate, and observe play;
- Create atmosphere of adventure, fun, and respect for all living and non-living things;
- Maintain and contribute to important paperwork and informational databases;
- Inspect and maintain equipment and on site play structures;
- Manage expenses within a budget;
- Responsibly and consistently post to social media and blog;
- Discuss and debrief sessions to improve programs.

## **Requirements/Qualifications:**

- One [1] year of university or college in a related field;
- Must be a Canadian citizen or legally entitled to work in Canada;
- Must be between the ages of 18 and 30;
- Must be a full-time student and intending to return to school in fall 2017;
- Must have reliable transportation and the ability to travel;
- Must possess excellent, written and oral communication skills;
- Demonstrate a passion for working with children;
- Knowledge of Nova Scotia flora, fauna, and ecological principles;
- Have exceptional record keeping & organization skills;
- Experience with working in outdoor natural environments;
- Ability to maintain composure in challenging circumstances;
- Must be able to provide a clean Criminal Records Check with Vulnerable Sector Screen and a clear Child Abuse Registry Search;
- Must be a self-identifying aboriginal youth;
- 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.

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, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. We appreciate all interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

We are an equal opportunity employer; however, qualified self-identifying Aboriginal applicants will be given priority for this position.

*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.*