

## **Job Description – Clean Leadership 2019 Program**

### **Summary of the Program**

The Clean Leadership program (formerly Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corps or Youth Corps) was established in 1989 to provide Nova Scotian youth with training and employment opportunities in the environmental field. This program engages community partners across the province to hire students to carry out work in the summer months that fosters environmental stewardship. The Clean Leadership program provides Nova Scotian youth with green sector work experience, an enhanced appreciation of the environment and their community, and develops skills for life-long learning (including team-building and leadership skills, increased knowledge for future employment and/or education ventures, program evaluation techniques, and the ability to give back to their community and their environment.

### **Job Title - Carters Beach Public Outreach Intern**

**Wage - \$13.25/hr**

### **Summary of Position**

The community partner for this Summer Student Intern position through the Clean Leadership program will be Harrison Lewis Centre (HLC), reporting to the Field Station Manager and the Protected Areas Coordinator, Nova Scotia Dept of Environment. In this position, you will be mainly responsible for education, outreach and community liaison on location at the pending Carters Beach Nature Reserve; educating visitors about the sensitive ecological site and how to enjoy the area without leaving a trace, while also supporting the HLC, as needed. The successful candidate needs to be self-starting, extremely outgoing, energetic, efficient and approachable. Strong interpersonal and communication skills will be essential in the role of interacting with the public.

Carters Beach can have high visitation in the summer, which is causing many impacts including dune erosion, a myriad of walking trails, human waste in the back dunes and improper garbage disposal. Priority action items have been identified which would help address some of these management issues and among other things, hiring a summer student in 2019 would be an opportunity to proactively address some of these challenges and build upon success from 2018 as well as community relationships in the area. The Public Outreach Intern will also be responsible for assisting the HLC program development for rural sustainable living, natural history and rural skills workshops; participating in tasks relating to enhancing participant comfort and experience during programs, events, and workshops; and coordinating field trips.

### **Community Partner**

The HLC, a not-for-profit and registered charity established in 2007, is located on Nova Scotia's South Shore two hours west of Halifax. (339 Sandy Bay Rd., Port Joli Nova Scotia B0T 1S0.) It serves as an educational retreat and field station exploring Nova Scotia's natural and rural history. The HLC promotes and advances sustainable rural living, and environmental and heritage skills education through research, instruction, literature, and the arts. For more information, please visit: [harrisonlewiscentre.org](http://harrisonlewiscentre.org).

## **Duties and Responsibilities**

- Greeting visitors at the beach and delivering messaging around appropriate use of the pending nature reserve; as well as relaying the importance of respecting this sensitive ecological site;
- Organising and coordinating occasional meetings of the local Community Liaison Committee;
- Assisting protected areas staff with any related outreach, which may include a public meeting, developing a newsletter, and coordinating stewardship events
- Assisting in the evaluation of ecological and social carrying capacities for Carters Beach
- Continuing community efforts around sand dune protection;
- Successfully overseeing 'pack in, pack out' garbage management;
- Undertaking a beach user survey;
- Assisting with monitoring and other associated activities on Spectacle Island
- Continuing endangered piping plover monitoring, stewardship and protection;
- Working with Nova Scotia Protected Areas, Community Liaison Committee members and other partners to develop partnerships, monitor progress on all fronts and evaluate success;
- Summarizing 2019 outreach activities in a report to inform future outreach;
- Undertaking some research on the cultural and archaeological values of the pending nature reserve;
- Based at the HLC, you will assist with daily housekeeping duties and planning and facilitation of workshops/events/programs, as needed (e.g. Wild Wednesdays, Never-2-Old programming, etc.).

## **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 2019;
- 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;
- Demonstrated interest in future employment in the environmental or 'green' sector is considered an asset;
- Self-starting, extremely outgoing, energetic, efficient and approachable;
- Have strong interpersonal and communication skills; comfortable interacting with the public in various settings (English essential, French an asset);
- Highly adaptable and resourceful;
- Good with time management;
- Interested in nature, wildlife and protected areas;
- Have an understanding and sensitivity around cultural issues;
- Exceptionally organized with proven attention to details;
- Works well independently and as part of a team;



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- Educational background or knowledge/experience in a relevant field (environmental science; education; marketing & public relations; natural history, protected areas);
- Administrative capabilities, including computer skills;
- Access to a cell phone and ability to respond to communications in a timely manner;
- Valid driver's license and access to vehicle or transportation is mandatory;
- Experience working with children and families is an asset;
- Experience or knowledge related to public outreach is an asset.

### **Working Conditions**

Need to be interested in a flexible schedule to accommodate regular work on weekends (as well as an occasional evening). There is an opportunity to live at the HLC with minimal cost.

### **Physical Requirements**

Must be physically and emotionally prepared to meet challenges that go with living and working in a relatively remote, rural environment. Due to the nature of activities it will be necessary to work outdoors in inclement/hot weather. Outdoor work is required almost daily. Suitable clothing – sun protection, raingear and rubber boots are essential.