

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 - Nikani Awtiken Camp Coordinator

Wage - \$13.25

Summary of Position

The community partner for this Summer Student Intern position through the Clean Leadership program will be the Mi'kmaq Environmental Learning Centre (MELC), reporting to Nadine LeFort Communications and Outreach Manager. In this position, you will be mainly responsible for coordinating “Nikani Awtiken”, an 8-day long summer camp about natural resource management and traditional Mi'kmaq knowledge. You will participate in planning all aspects of the camp, and you will be a camp counselor for the camp itself. The successful candidate needs to be organized and motivated, have experience working with youth, and have conflict resolution skills. Knowledge of Mi'kmaq culture and language is an asset. The successful candidate needs to successfully pass a criminal background and child abuse registry check.

Community Partner

The Mi'kmaq Environmental Learning Centre (MELC) is a community-driven organization based in Eskasoni that provides education and leadership on sustainability, preservation of natural and cultural history, and management of resources. Established in 2010 as a tribute to Mi'kmaq Elders who generously share their knowledge, MELC aims to keep their teachings alive for future generations. MELC's work is based on the guiding principle of Netukulimk, a Mi'kmaq word about achieving standards of community well-being without jeopardizing our environment.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Organize camp details (rental agreement, presenters, food, etc.)
- Recruit and register camp participants
- Promote camp with community and regional media
- Liaise with community partners
- Develop camp itinerary
- Supervise camp participants during camp (24 hours a day)
- Help facilitate camp activities
- Close down camp
- Write final project report

Requirements/Qualifications

These are the qualifications that are necessary for someone to be considered for the position.

- 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;
- Must successfully pass a criminal background and child abuse registry check.

Working Conditions

Most work weeks will be a regular 35-hour work week; however, this job will require you to commit to being available for the entire time throughout the week of camp which will be for 8 days, likely a week in August (dates TBD). You will need to stay at the camp with the camp participants and will not be able to leave the site without prior arrangement with your supervisor.

Physical Requirements

While most of the work is not physically demanding (majority of the summer will be office work with the exception of traveling to schools to recruit students), there will be hikes and canoeing, sports and cultural activities during the week of camp that while the employees wouldn't be expected to, for example, be a basketball player, they do have to supervise the students on hikes and during their activities so there will be some physically active work.