

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 - Trail Builder Intern

Wage - \$17.00

Summary of Position

The community partner for this Summer Student Intern position through the Clean Leadership program will be the McIntosh Run Watershed Association, reporting to Trail Crew Supervisor. In this position, you will be mainly responsible for working on new and existing single-track trails between Spryfield and Herring Cove. The trails form part of the approved network of recreational trails on NS Crown Land and Halifax Park Land. The trail builder intern will also work with volunteer trail builders during volunteer build days and help with public outdoor events organized by the McIntosh Run Watershed Association. The successful candidate needs to have excellent teamwork skills and experience using recreational trails.

Community Partner

The McIntosh Run Watershed Association is dedicated to the stewardship of the McIntosh Run river and surrounding watershed in the communities of Spryfield and Herring Cove, Nova Scotia. Our mandate is to foster public stewardship by creating sustainable public access to the McIntosh Run watershed.

Duties and Responsibilities

The trail builder intern will work 3-5 days per week, for 5-8 hours per day in the forest and on some weekends. Trail builders will hike up to 40 minutes to the job site carrying gear. Work consists of heavy manual labour with hand tools: clearing organic ground layer, trees and brush, lifting and moving large rocks and shoveling dirt. Crew members must work together as a coordinated team to perform many challenging tasks. The crew will be trained and supervised by an experienced trail builder. The result is a backcountry single-track trail that will draw people into the forest to explore by foot and by bike.

The trail builder intern will also help organize and host outdoor public events including volunteer trail build days, river clean-ups, a bioblitz, and other guided outdoor events.

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;
- Experience using recreational trails.
- Experience working well with others.
- Punctual and reliable.

Preferred qualifications:

- Trail building or other relevant experience (landscaping, working with rocks, working with hand tools). Please explain how your experience is relevant to the job.
- Mountain biking experience.
- First aid certification.
- Clearing saw or chainsaw certification.

Working Conditions

You must be comfortable in a wild forest setting with adverse weather, bugs and dirt.

Physical Requirements

Physically fit for manual labour, able to lift heavy loads.