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Position: Summer Camp Assistant Instructor

Location: Willingdon Beach, Powell River

Dates: July 2-5 and 15-19, 2024

Hours: 8.15am - 3.45pm

Wage: \$20-\$26/h depending on experience

Contact: kes@fianna.ca, please provide cover letter and resumé

Our Organization

We are a nature school operating in the Comox Valley, Powell River, and on Gabriola Island. We operate on 8 Shields “Coyote Mentoring” principles of experiential, curiosity-led connection-focused education.

Learn more about our approach here: www.fianna.ca

This Position

This is a short-term position to support our lead instructor delivering week-long summer camps at Willingdon Beach in Powell River where we also run year-round programming. 1-2 days of staff training are provided in late June for you to meet our team in the Comox Valley and get to know our approach to outdoor education.

We are hiring 1 position for 2 camps between July 2-5 and July 15-19, 2024.

Camps will run 9am-3pm with 7-12 year olds. Staff meet at 8.15am and are paid for 7.5 hours to include some debrief time at the end of the day and any prep time at home.

Camp location is Willingdon Beach/Millennium Park.

These are play-based, child-led, connection-focused summer camps. We teach through games, songs, stories, exploration and having fun! We will provide suggested structure and content, but there is also lots of flexibility for creative input and adapting a camp as the land, weather, and group dictates.

We hope for our instructors to bring some special interest in the natural world to model curiosity and inquiry to the kids. Our camps have often included themes of animal tracking, shelter-building, navigation, mapping, tree ID, medicinal and edible plants, nature art, bird language, bird ID, scavenger hunts, crafting, knots and more. Our instructors need not be experts in these skills - a very basic level of skill, and critically a curiosity about these skills, is

sufficient to engage kids with appropriate questions and challenges for a shared learning journey. We are aiming to engage with the natural world, and with our curiosity about it.

If you enjoy learning from the natural world, and have experience working with young people in a mentoring or educational relationship, you will enjoy working on our camps. We are looking for an applicant with experience designing, directing, and delivering outdoor education programs for youth, who is comfortable working with a group of 6-7 kids alone.

This position may lead to further employment as an instructor with our yearlong programs in Powell River.

Requirements:

- Valid First Aid Certification: minimum OFA Level 1 (Occupational First Aid) and CPR C (recommended Remote First Aid or higher)
- Clear and valid criminal record check
- Ability to complete physical work, outside, for extended periods, in varying conditions, with all necessary personal gear.
- Previous experience working with children and/or youth aged 4-16.
- Previous experience in educational and/or youth camp program planning and delivery,
- Personal interest and curiosity for the natural world

Desired Qualifications and Experience:

- Completion of a post-secondary degree from a recognized university or college in natural sciences, education or related field
- Independent education, training and/or certification relevant to the position
- Crafting experience or special expertise as a naturalist

Equity Statement

Fianna Wilderness School is a settler-led organization that values equity, diversity, and inclusion. We are committed to decolonization and meaningful reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. We acknowledge systemic barriers in outdoor and educational spaces and the importance of diverse perspectives. We are particularly interested in hearing from applicants who bring such diverse perspectives, lived experiences, and justice-informed approaches to their work. We encourage applications from Indigenous, Métis and BIPOC people, and members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

Application Process

Please send a cover letter and resumé to kes@fianna.ca

We may take up to two weeks to respond as we gather applications before arranging interviews.