



2018 Summer Position | **Nature Camp Junior Interpreter**
Posting No. 18-04 | April 27, 2018

The Association of Whistler Area Residents for the Environment (AWARE) is Whistler's environmental charity, originally formed in 1989. AWARE's work focuses on the key themes of: Safeguarding Habitat, Biodiversity and Wilderness Values; Connecting People and Nature; and Building Sustainable Community.

The Nature Youth Camp Junior Interpreter will aid in the delivery of AWARE's Whistler Nature Camp. The successful candidate will work with AWARE staff and the camp's Senior Interpreters to engage resident and visiting youth in Whistler's diverse, natural environments. This position offers 20 hours per week for a term of 8 weeks through July & August with a week of nature training to start in the last week of June (June 25th, 2018 through to August 24th, 2018). The camp day begins at 8:00 AM and ends at 5:30 PM Monday to Friday. There may also be the possibility to offer 40 hours per week.

Responsibilities

- Facilitate and support delivery of positive learning and recreational experiences in nature with youth ages 6-12
- Group supervision with attention to programming, health, happiness, discipline, cleanliness, safety, as well as character and skill development
- Assist senior staff in planning and carrying out experiments and/or activities for campers based on where interests are directed during the daily opening circle
- Aid in developing a vibrant camp culture by participating in skits, songs and games
- Share strong interest, enthusiasm and appreciation of nature with kids and their parents/guardians
- Maintain positive, open and effective communication with participant's parents/guardians and camp staff
- Set a good example through exhibiting positive personal habits, health, dress, speech, trail etiquette and relationships with other staff
- Be prepared to work outdoors in all weather conditions
- Provide support to promotion of nature youth camp through communications initiatives, collecting participant testimonials
- Other duties as assigned

Requirements:

- Be at least 18 years of age and have experience working with children
- Hold a strong appreciation and interest in nature and a desire to share that enthusiasm with children
- Outgoing, personable, approachable and enthusiastic
- Able to work well independently and as part of a team
- Great communication, time management and organizational skills
- Desire to further their own naturalist/wilderness skills, mentoring techniques, and/or nature connection through learning from program staff
- Knowledge of Whistler's ecosystems and species an asset
- Experience in environmental education program delivery an asset
- Studies in environmental science, biology, ecology, education or related field preferred
- Identify with AWARE's mission statement and core values
- Candidates must be available for the full term of their placement
- Hold an up to date criminal record check and First Aid Certification

Interested candidates are invited to submit a resume and cover letter by email to cruddy@awarewhistler.org. We thank all applicants for their interest however, only those candidates selected for further consideration will be contacted.

Please reference Posting No. 18-04 in your application. | Deadline for applications is May 15th, 2018.

Please Note: This position is subject to funding availability.