

# Special Needs Summer Camp Leader

Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association is seeking an enthusiastic and experienced special needs summer camp leader to support the diverse needs and safety of campers in our nature-based camps for children ages 5-10 at VanDusen Botanical Garden.

VanDusen's summer camps promote environmental stewardship and a love of the natural world through a fun blend of science, gardening, games, crafts and garden exploration. This year's camps feature botany and ecology, growing and eating fresh food, birds, and bugs. Visit our website to learn more about our camps [here](#).

## Responsibilities

- Ensure the safety and wellbeing of campers and ensure medical, emotional, mental, and physical needs of campers are met
- Encourage inclusive practices during camps and provide a supportive environment for all children
- Provide campers with an educational, fun and meaningful experience
- Assist camp leaders to develop their skills managing behavioural challenges in group settings
- Communicate effectively and regularly with parents, including developing and reporting on individual care plans

## Qualifications and experience

- Two years of coursework, employment, or a combination of both in a related field such as a Special Needs Educator certificate, ABA or behavioural interventionist training.
- One year experience with children ages 5-10 in a recreational setting
- Willingness to work outdoors in all weather
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively and respectfully as part of a team
- Dedication to environmental awareness and sustainable living
- Current certification in standard first aid AND a clear criminal record check obtained prior to the start date

## Availability & Eligibility

Required full-time, Monday to Friday from July 2 – August 23, 2019

This position is funded in part by Canada Summer Jobs. To be eligible you must be:

- Between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of employment
- Canadian citizens, permanent residents or have refugee protection status
- Legally entitled to work in Canada

## Wage

\$18.00 per hour (40 hrs per week)

**Closing date for applications:** Monday, April 1st, 2019

## Submit resume and cover letter to:

Chantal Martin, Youth Programs Manager, [cmartin@vandusen.org](mailto:cmartin@vandusen.org)