

Canadian Heritage Educator

The Canadian Heritage Project aims to incorporate Canadian natural and cultural heritage into our educational programs by highlighting and complementing our existing collections and resources at VanDusen Botanical Garden.

The Canadian Heritage Educator will interact with various audiences including, but not limited to, children registered in summer camps, school field trips, community groups, volunteer Garden guides, VBGA and Park Board staff, and other Garden visitors.

Responsibilities

- Become familiar with VanDusen Botanical Garden collections, specifically with collections related to Canadian Heritage
- Learn the VBGA's overall educational program methodology and program specific content
- Evaluate, contribute to, and lead educational tours and activities for summer camp groups
- Modify existing programs to expand components related to Canadian natural and cultural heritage and invite collaboration with First Nations focused community groups
- Execute and plan workshops related to Canadian natural and cultural heritage for our volunteer guides and teachers.

Qualifications and experience

- Experience and/or training with Indigenous perspectives, an appreciation of generational knowledge, and an understanding of the relationship between First Peoples and plants
- Education in ecology, education, Indigenous studies, or a related field
- Experience delivering educational programs to diverse audiences, especially children aged 5-10 years old
- Strong customer service and communication skills
- Ability to speak and write fluently in English

Assets:

- Speak a second language
- Have cultural sensitivity training or related training
- Familiarity with Indigenous focused programs in the Lower Mainland
- Knowledgeable and interested in plants and/or gardening

Eligibility

- Preference will be given to self-declared Indigenous youth
- This position is funded in part by the Young Canada Works Program. To be eligible to apply you must be currently registered as a full-time student (under 30yrs of age) and intending to return to full-time school in fall 2020.

Wage

\$17.00 per hour (30 hours per week) from June 15 – August 21, 2020

Closing date for applications: May 31, 2020

Submit resume and cover letter to:

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