



JUNIOR NATURALIST AND STEWARDSHIP CLUB LEADER

Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre is located in Midland Ontario and is managed by the Friends of Wye Marsh Inc., a not-for-profit charitable organization. The Centre is open 362 days a year and provides school and public programs for over 30,000 visitors annually, including 3,000 school children. Friends of Wye Marsh Inc. is governed by both federal and provincial regulations for all activities and land use.

The successful applicant will be responsible for participating in Wye Marsh stewardship initiatives, as well as utilizing their knowledge to plan, mentor and supervise a group of budding naturalists aged 12 to 14 years as part of the Wye Marsh Junior Naturalist and Stewardship Club.

This is a full-time contract position from May 2020 to September 2020 with a minimum of thirty-five (35) hours per week. This position will be required to work some weekends and statutory holidays. The hourly wage will be \$15.00 per hour.

Deadline for application: April 3rd, 2020

Responsibilities

- Report to the Program & Education Manager and Stewardship Coordinator
- Ensure 100% supervision of Junior Naturalist and Stewardship Club (Jr Nat) members as all times
- Participate in weekly Stewardship initiatives as defined by the Stewardship Department
- Develop a project plan with scheduled deliverables
- Develop weekly itineraries revolving around a particular conservation theme for the Jr Nat members
- Educate the Jr Nat's on concepts they will be learning throughout the week
- Facilitate Jr Nat's weekly activities as per their particular theme
- All project activity reports will follow proper scientific research protocol
- Coordinate weekly project with Stewardship Coordinator and other Wye Marsh staff members
- Provide weekly written reports detailing work performed to date and planned activities
- Represent Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre and uphold the mission statement and objectives
- Work with a diverse group of volunteers and staff in a fast-paced environment
- Guide canoeing, kayaking tours
- Maintain work area and repair program equipment in coordination with other members of the Wye Marsh staff
- Ensure all health and safety procedures are adhered to
- Assist in any other duties as required
- Handle and care for captive reptiles



Skills

- Proven initiative and self-motivated
- Willingness to learn a wide variety of materials related to environmental education and stewardship
- Able to work independently and in a group setting (skilled team player)
- Enjoy working with youth
- Enjoy working in an outdoor setting in various weather conditions
- Possess an understanding of ecological concepts
- Excellent interpersonal skills, and understand group management techniques
- Excellent planning, organizational, time management and customer service skills
- Established nature interpretation skills
- Effective oral and written communication skills
- Intermediate computer skills, including Microsoft Office
- Flora and fauna identification skills, including macroinvertebrates
- Experience handling and caring for reptiles

Requirements

- Currently obtaining or graduated from a Post-secondary education in biology, ecology, environmental sciences, geography, natural resource management, outdoor recreation, teaching, or a related field
- Bilingual – French and English – an asset
- Emergency First-aid and CPR certification
- Valid Class G Ontario drivers license
- Police criminal records check, including vulnerable sector
- Ability to work some evenings or weekends

To apply, send cover letter and resume to: Emily Metcalfe, Program and Education Manager

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