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**STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
NATURE EDUCATOR
CONTRACT: 7-WEEKS, 35 HRS/WK**

OVERVIEW OF JOB

Earth Path is a non-profit organization based in the Ottawa region, dedicated to fostering meaningful relationships between people and the natural world. Since 2013 we have offered programs for people of all ages, including nature school programs for children, field walks for adults, and workshops for teachers, aiming to support the growth of healthy, whole communities.

Earth Path nature educators are the heart of our organization and community. As an educator, you will share your gifts with kids and families by co-facilitating our summer nature camps at Just Food Farm/Green's Creek natural area in east Ottawa during the Summer 2018.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Co-facilitate Earth Path's summer nature camps for children ages 3-5 and 6-12. Design and lead engaging activities (including games and stories), with a focus on fostering the children's nature connection and environmental stewardship, nurturing curiosity and creativity, supporting their positive social/emotional/physical development, developing an understanding of local ecology; and building wilderness skills;
- Maintain an inclusive, supportive, and safe space for all participants, including newcomers to Canada, Indigenous children, children from low-income households, and children with special needs;
- Assist children with meeting their physical needs, such as bathrooming, dealing with biting insects and other complaints they might have;
- Assist with the collection of necessary registration and legal forms, and maintain accurate attendance records;
- Engage with parents during drop-off and pick-up, as needed;
- Debrief with Earth Path colleagues at the end of each camp day, tracking children's growth and challenges, and co-plan next class;
- Document camp highlights by taking photos and noting significant events/quotes;
- Assist with social media posts and creation of camp slide-show;
- Attend pre-camp training day and staff meetings, as needed;
- Be part of Earth Path's culture of feedback: open to giving, receiving, and integrating feedback from colleagues and participants, and confronting challenges/conflict in a respectful, caring way;
- Complete an exit evaluation at the end of your contract to help us improve.

PREFERRED SKILLS/QUALIFICATIONS

- Currently enrolled full-time in a post-secondary education program, preferably in Education or the natural sciences;
- Basic knowledge of local flora and fauna (preferred but not required), and have an interest in learning some teachable wilderness skills (e.g. whittling, cordage-making, shelter-building, or fire-building);
- Experience working with children in a creative, engaging way that nurtures their hands, hearts, and minds;
- Highly attuned to children's social/emotional needs and understand their stages of development;

- Safety aware and keenly observant- able to assess and manage risk in an outdoor environment;
- Open to learning, sharing ideas, and receiving feedback;
- Resourceful and adaptable, with a good sense of humour and fun;
- Excellent communication skills to maintain good relations with parents, community members, colleagues, and partner organizations.

SPECIFICATIONS

- A valid Vulnerable Sector Check from the Ottawa Police Service is required before job start.
- **Preference will be given to applicants who are considered a “priority student” from the following groups:** Indigenous students, students who are members of a visible minority, and students who are new immigrants/refugees.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The successful applicant must be an individual who:

- is between 15 and 30 years of age (inclusive) at the start of employment;
- has been registered as a full-time student during the preceding academic year;
- intends to return to school on a full-time basis during the next academic year;
- is a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person on whom refugee protection has been conferred under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act** and;
- is legally entitled to work according to the relevant Ontario legislation and regulations.

*Foreign students are not eligible.

CONTRACT TERM & LOCATION

7 weeks, 35 hrs/ week. Pay rate: \$15/hr

Start date: July 3 or 9, 2018

Work location: Just Food Farm/Green’s Creek natural area, 2389 Pepin Court, Ottawa

TO APPLY: If interested in joining our team, please send your cover letter and resume to Bryarly McEachern at jobs@EarthPath.ca by **May 31, 2018**. **Applications sent in after May 31 may be considered until position is filled.**

Contact us at 613-858-8822 if you have questions. We thank all those who apply. Only those selected for further consideration will be contacted.