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**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
NATURE EDUCATOR
CONTRACT: 9-WEEKS, 37.5 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 2019.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Co-facilitate Earth Path's summer nature camps for children ages 4-6 and 6-14. 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 with the daily sign-in/sign-out sheet;
- 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 "wow moments" by taking photos and noting significant events/quotes;
- Assist with social media posts;
- Report any incidents of concern (safety, harassment);
- Attend pre-camp training and staff meetings, as needed;
- Show up on time and prepared, at least 20 mins before program start time;
- Upload photos and documented "wow moments" to Google Drive at end of each camp;
- 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

- Ideally would have some training in education or the natural sciences, but not required;
- 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

- Valid Vulnerable Sector Check from the Ottawa Police Service is required before job start;
- Valid Standard First Aid and CPR certification required prior to contract start;
- **Preference will be given to applicants** who self-identify as a member of a group that is underrepresented or faces additional barriers to the labour market: recent immigrant and refugee youth, youth previously never employed, Indigenous youth, and women in STEM. **However**, all interested are encouraged to apply.

CONTRACT TERM AND LOCATION

Start Date: June 24, 2019

End Date: August 23, 2019

Pay Rate: \$16/hr at 37.5 hrs/week (i.e. 5 days/week), 9 weeks total

Work Location: Just Food Farm/Green's Creek natural area, 2391 Pepin Court, Gloucester (east Ottawa)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The successful applicant must be an individual who:

- is between 15 and 30 years of age (inclusive) at the start of employment;
- 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.

*International students are not eligible. Recent immigrants are eligible if they are Canadian Citizens or permanent residents.

TO APPLY: If interested in joining our team, please send your cover letter and resume to Bryarly McEachern at jobs@EarthPath.ca **ASAP**. Applications will be considered as they are received, 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.