

REQUEST FOR OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE EDUCATORS

Esse Environmental Education and Community Development Ltd. (Esse) is requesting applications for environmental educator positions for March – June, 2009. Esse is a prime contractor that manages and provides services for science & environmental education program contracts.

We are looking for individuals with solid knowledge and understanding of Salmonid life history, habitat requirements, ecology, and hatchery management. You must be an educator who has the skills, character and personality to interact with and deliver outdoor education to children Grades 1 through 6.

GENTLY DOWN THE SEYMOUR:

Gently Down the Seymour (GDS) is an education program designed and funded by the Seymour Salmonid Society's Seymour River Hatchery, situated in Metro Vancouver's Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve (LSCR), North Vancouver. The program is designed for elementary school classes who are participating in Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Salmonids in the Classroom program.

GDS was created and designed for lower mainland classes to visit the Seymour River Hatchery in the LSCR. Classes arrive for daylong fieldtrips to learn about the life and life-cycles of Pacific Salmonids. Students get a chance to compare natural habitats to managed habitats. In groups of up to 10, students rotate through four interactive stations. The stations include: 1. hatchery tour, 2. aquatic invertebrates, 3. aquatic habitat study, and 4. forest ecology.

Due to Greater Vancouver Water District (GVWD) construction projects, the Seymour River Hatchery is currently inaccessible to student visitors. The GDS program has been modified and it will be delivered out of the LSCR's Learning Lodge and in the forest trails around Rice Lake.

Position: Outdoor Environmental Science Educator
Service Period: March 9 – June 9, 2009
Service Details: Attend 3-days of training; deliver 50 class programs with a team of other educators; 1-day wrap-up/clean-up
Service Hours: 54 days total

Summary of Position:

Members of the education team for the Seymour Salmonid Society's Gently Down the Seymour program get a chance to be a part of the Lower Mainland's premier Salmonid education field trip program. You will get a chance to share your knowledge of Salmonid life history and forest ecology in a natural outdoor setting to eager and knowledgeable elementary aged students. GDS is designed to match and compliment BC Education Ministry curriculum. It is a fieldtrip opportunity that is only available to classes participating in the Salmonids in the Classrooms program.

Service Duties:

The successful applicant will work in a team of three educators, headed by a Program Supervisor to carry out all aspects of services required to deliver the Gently Down the Seymour program including:

- ~ Daily program set up and clean up
- ~ Preparing and maintaining stock and supplies of handouts, props, and equipment
- ~ Program Delivery: welcoming, introductions, guiding through stations, conclusions
- ~ Evaluations

What qualifications do you need?

Knowledge of salmonid life history, how a hatchery works, forest ecology; and an enthusiastic personality that brings it all to life!!

Education & Training:

Applicants have biology, natural sciences, education, environmental education or related field of studies, or an acceptable combination of education, training and experience. Valid first aid certification is required.

Experience and knowledge:

Applicants have competent knowledge of BC's coastal forest ecology, salmonid life-history, and hatchery management. You should also be familiar with Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Salmonid Enhancement Program, and Salmonids in the Classroom. Practical experience in natural resource management and interpretation/education are strong assets.

Others Assets:

- ~ experience working with children and school groups
- ~ creative, resourceful thinking skills
- ~ natural teaching and communication skills

Please include the following in your application submission:

1. Proposal Letter (describe how you are suitable and qualified to provide salmonid based education services to schools)
2. Resume
3. List of References
4. Your rate for daily service over 54 days

Please send your proposals through e-mail to:

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Application Deadline:

Friday, February 18th, 2009

Please e-mail esse@telus.net for more details and information or visits www.seymoursalmon.com