

Hiring for seasonal position:  
**Education Coordinator**  
May 11 to September 4, 2010  
**Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area**

Located south of Kootenay Lake in the Kootenay Rockies Region of southern British Columbia, the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area (CVWMA) is a magnificent 17,000 acre internationally designated Ramsar wetland. Students, active family groups, biologists, researchers and lay naturalists are some of our biggest client groups. To support the visitor experience and ensures that the memories and interest in wetland conservation remains with them long after their visit is over, our Interpretative Centre offers: educational exhibits; engaging curriculum based school programs; canoe and walking tours; nature trail programming; a hands-on science lab; theatre space; and Natural History gift shop. Each season we offer returning post secondary students the opportunity to train as Naturalists and join us in showcasing this special wetland place. To find out more about the CVWMA and our team please look up our web site at [www.crestonwildlife.ca](http://www.crestonwildlife.ca).

### **Responsibilities**

As the Education Coordinator with the CVWMA, you will be a member of a team dedicated to providing quality environmental education programs and front country excursions. You will develop and deliver interpretative programming for elementary schools and other interest groups, assist with training the Naturalist team, guide and supervise Naturalist staff in cooperation with the Director of Communications, conduct canoe, gallery, walking and bird watching tours and assist volunteers.

### **Training**

Training will cover the CVWMA's mission, history and conservation; wetland biodiversity and bird ecology; marsh management; interpretive strategies and educational values; and IBA/IMPARA status. The Education Coordinator will assist with training the Naturalist staff in interpretive program content and delivery. Host and nursery to 286 species of birds, 57 species of mammals and 29 species of reptile, amphibians and fish, the opportunities to study, observe and showcase biotic communities, wildlife behaviors, and rare species are endless.

### **Qualifications**

- Currently enrolled in and returning to a post-secondary training in fields such as: **natural sciences, education, resource management, tourism, recreation, performing arts and marketing**;
- Enthusiasm for learning and teaching about the natural world and a love of the outdoors;
- Creative, flexible and motivated with a strong work ethic, able to work in adverse weather;
- Experience working and interacting with the public in a courteous and energetic way;
- Experience delivering and developing environmental education programs directed at children and youth in an engaging fashion;
- Experience being a team leader;
- Experience or certification in outdoor recreation, bird-watching, canoeing, and backpacking;
- Valid first aid certificate and BC driver's license;

### **Position Dates and Pay**

Seasonal position from May 11 to September 4, 2010 (35 hour work week/schedules overlap weekends). The wage is \$15.00 per hour pending approval of funding.

**Closing date: March 12, 2010**

Apply with **cover letter, resume and references** to

Carla Ahern, Director of Communications and Stewardship

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Please note: Only those applicants chosen for interviews will be contacted. No phone calls please.