

Hiring for seasonal position:
Wetland Naturalist
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 ensure that the memories and interest in wetland conservation remain 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 a 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 check us out at www.crestonwildlife.ca.

Responsibilities

As a Naturalist with the CVWMA, you will be a member of a team dedicated to providing quality environmental education programs and front country excursions. You will interpret natural history; explain the purpose and management techniques of the CVWMA; conduct canoe, gallery, walking and bird watching tours; facilitate and lead school programs, develop and deliver interpretive programming; assist volunteers; prepare daily wildlife sighting reports; and perform key holder and maintenance duties.

Training

Naturalists receive training covering: CVWMA's mission, history and conservation; wetland biodiversity and bird ecology; marsh management; interpretive strategies and educational values; and IBA/IMPARA status. 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 working with children and youth in an engaging fashion;
- 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 \$13.00 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.