



## Summer Earth Adventures Day Camp Positions: Group Leaders (8); Life Guards (2); Adventure Based Leader (1);

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The mission of Boys & Girls Club Services of Greater Victoria is to provide a safe, supportive place where children and youth can experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships and develop confidence and skills for life. Boys & Girls Club Services of Greater Victoria is looking for energetic, caring, committed staff to join our Summer Earth Adventures team.

### **The Program:**

Earth Adventures Summer Day Camp is a licensed summer day camp which operates from our 98 acre property located in Metchosin. The wilderness-based camp includes forest, ponds, trails, and meadows, perfect for exploring and playing games. Some unique features include a climbing wall and low ropes course designed for individual challenges and building teamwork skills, an archery range, a back pond for canoeing. Participants aged 6-12 years attend day camp from 9:00 – 4:00 Monday to Friday with the option of attending pre and/or post care. There are ten weeks of camps commencing June 28, 2010 and three weeks of training prior to camp start.

### **The Roles and Responsibilities:**

All positions will come under the supervision and direction of the Summer Camp Supervisor and Summer Camp and Adventure Based Learning Coordinators.

### **Group Leaders: 8 Positions - Wage \$15.12 plus 4%**

Group Leaders will be responsible for developing and implementing a variety of outdoor 'wilderness' focused activities for children and youth.

- Leading group activities and role modelling positive behaviour

### **Life Guards: 2 Positions - Wage \$15.23 plus 4%**

Lifeguard will be responsible for providing support to Group Leaders in the areas of water safety, aquatic programming and water activity supervision. As feasible, the lifeguard will also be responsible for the facilitation of environmental activities and projects.

- Supervision of all water-based events and activities
- Must have National Lifeguard Service (NLS) certification

### **Adventure Head Leader: 1 Position - Wage \$16.50 plus 4%**

The Adventure Leader will be responsible for providing support to the Group Leaders in the areas of adventure activity safety, programming and supervision. The Adventure Leader will be responsible for facilitation of climbing, low ropes course, canoeing and other adventure based activities. They will also assist the Adventure Based Learning Coordinator to ensure all equipment and assets utilized by the program are maintained in good order with ongoing preventative maintenance.

- Experience in outdoor education / recreation and adventure-based / experiential learning.

### **All Staff:**

In addition to their individual responsibilities, all staff will be part of a larger team responsible for maintaining a positive camp environment and quality learning experience for all. Additional responsibilities may include (but are not limited to):

- The development of child management and program planning skills necessary for the successful operation of children and youth programs
- Participating as a contributing member to the program delivery team
- Assisting with the development and facilitation of a multifaceted 'Environmental Education' program
- Participating in the planning and delivery of a children's "Carnival" day
- Participating in an intensive orientation and training program in the three weeks prior to camp start
- Participating in bi-weekly staff meetings

### **Qualifications and Requirements:**

- A combination of education and experience in the areas of Recreation, Child and Youth Care and Youth Leadership Development with demonstrated background of working with children and youth aged 6 – 12.
- Experience in outdoor education / recreation and adventure-based learning
- Current First Aid certification
- Class 4 drivers license
- Medical Note, stating “mentally and physically capable to work with children”
- NLS certification an asset
- Criminal record check

#### **Terms of Employment:**

- Start Date: June 7, 2010 to September 3rd, 2010 (13 weeks) + 2 Tuesdays May 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm
- Hours: up to 40 hours per week (not less than 30 hours in any week)
- Up to six positions may receive partial funding from the Canada Summer Jobs - Summer Work Experience program (Service Canada). We are looking for applicants who meet the criteria established: *between the ages of 15 and 30, have been registered as full-time students in the previous academic year and intend to return to school on a full-time basis in the next academic year.* Visit [www.servicecanada.gc.ca](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca) for more information on the grant program.
  - **Not all applicants must meet the Summer Work Experience program criteria; however preference will be to fill the grant positions first.**

#### **To Apply:**

Send resume and cover letter attn: Earth Adventures Summer Day Camp – Summer Positions. **Clearly indicate which position you are applying for: Group Leader, Life Guard or Adventure Leader**

- In Person or mail: 1240 Yates St., Victoria, BC, V8V 3N3
  - By Fax: 250-384-9136
  - Email: [employment@bgcvic.org](mailto:employment@bgcvic.org)
  - Posting Closes March 15, 2010
- Only short listed candidates will be contacted