



Summer Camp Lead Facilitator

Application Deadline: March 13, 2019.

6 week contract, July 8 - August 16, 2019; 40 hours/week @ \$18.00-\$20.00/hour (dependent on experience)

Questions and submission of cover letter & resume to Irene Heaven at irene@abbeygardens.ca.

Abbey Gardens is a charitable organization focused on the remediation of a decommissioned gravel pit into a green space that provides economic and recreational opportunities for our community. Our vision is to inspire a healthy community and create opportunities to learn about living sustainably. The 380 acre site is developing incrementally towards becoming a demonstration and education site on local food, gardening, sustainable living, biodiversity and ecology. In addition to helping nature reclaim the land, the Abbey Gardens team is dedicated to demonstrating innovative and replicable solutions and practices that will inspire generations of good stewards for our earth and people. Our project offers tremendous opportunity for learning and experimentation as well as project management.

The Summer Camp Lead Facilitator position will be an important member of the Abbey Gardens programming team and will work closely with the Education Coordinator. This position requires an experienced and confident leader who enjoys working and delivering children's programs. It will be the Summer Camp Lead Facilitator's responsibility to deliver dynamic and engaging programs to children and youth of various ages during three different summer day camps. Camp programs will be researched and developed by the Education Coordinator and all equipment and materials pre-arranged and ordered. Creative input and modification of programs is welcome and encouraged through prior consultation with Education Coordinator.

The Summer Camp Lead Facilitator will be assisted by the Summer Programming Assistant and registered Leader(s) in Training. Supervision of the Summer Programming Assistant and Leaders in Training during camp days will be overseen by the Summer Camp Lead Facilitator but the overall responsibility will be shared with the Education Coordinator. Direction and evaluation for Leaders in Training will be a shared responsibility between the Summer Camp Lead Facilitator and Education Coordinator.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Preparation & facilitation of Fresh Air Kids Camp (ages 4-5) (1 week of summer camp)
- Preparation & facilitation of Outdoor Kids Camp (ages 6-10) (2 weeks of summer camp)
- Preparation & facilitation of Taking the Reins Camp (ages 10-14) (1 week of summer camp)
- Participation in Take the Lead program (ages 14-16) to become acquainted with Leader's in Training
- Supervision and evaluation of Leader's in Training in cooperation with Education Coordinator
- Supervision of Summer Programming Assistant during camp in cooperation with Education Coordinator

Skills/Experience:

- Background in education and/or ecology
- Experience with children's programming
- Ability to work with different age levels of children
- Comfortable working outdoors in a variety of weather conditions
- Standard First Aid
- Up to date Ontario Provincial Police Vulnerable Sector Check (Abbey Gardens can provide a request letter)
- Leadership qualities
- Lesson planning & research skills are an asset
- Interest and/or expertise in gardening, ecology, and food issues an asset
- Interest in working as part of a team
- Dynamic and fun personality!