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Site Maintenance and Restoration Assistant

(Anticipated 2 positions pending funding approval)

Position(s) will be funded by Canada Summer Jobs grant and are based on funding approval.

Location: Cedar Haven Eco-Centre, Freelon,
Workweek: Monday to Friday (with the exception of 4 Saturday workshop dates)
Workterm : May-August (16 weeks) 30hrs/week
Wage: 15.00/hour
Closing Date: April 12th

Job Description:

Employees will assist in ongoing ecological restoration projects of invasive species and encourage native growth. Employees will also work on site improvements of lawn care and grounds maintenance at Cedar Haven. This role may also include garden care tasks as a component of the site maintenance responsibilities. Given the community based nature of A Rocha, these employees would assist in leading various groups of volunteers for conservation science projects or environmental education events related to conservation. Assisting in environmental education programs with science-based programming will help students build a holistic understanding of conservation and environmental issues.

Employees are expected to submit one "story" per month to be used as A Rocha promotional material. These stories can be submitted in written form or as a short video. Stories should highlight an inspiring experience, a personal reflection or a description of the employee's work.

Tasks involve:

Ecological Restoration

- Invasive identification and eradication
- Native planting
- Networking with local environmental conservation organizations
- Completing a self-directed research project (for Summer Student Interns)

Garden Care

- Weeding and watering
- Planting and harvesting

Lawn and Shrub Care

- Mow 4 acres of grass (weekly or biweekly)
- Trim grass around buildings, hedges and trees
- Keep hedges trimmed

Site Care

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- Keep up site esthetics (painting, general labour, etc)
- Keep site clean and functional for programming
- Keep all tools and equipment clean and in working order
- Leading groups in conservation projects and environmental education events related to conservation
- Hosting and engaging visitors to the centre
- Having an inclusive and welcoming attitude toward all people
- Participating in A Rocha community through team days, discussions, and mentoring

Field of Studies and/or Experience in:

Biology, Ecology, Environmental Sciences, Natural Sciences, Conservation Science, Natural Resource Management. Interested in pursuing a career in Natural Sciences or Environmental Conservation.

Requirements/Qualifications

- Must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person with official refugee status.
- Demonstrated interest in ecology, environment, natural history
- Ability to work outdoors in a variety of weather conditions, near biting insects (mosquitoes, blackflies)
- Ability to take initiative, work independently, organized, self-starter
- Demonstrated focus on people and relationship building
- Demonstrated alignment with A Rocha Values (5 C's of A Rocha available on website)
- Successful applicants will be required to pass a Criminal Records Check and Vulnerable Sector Check

Asset Qualifications:

- Knowledge of local flora and fauna, natural history
- Previous field work experience in academic, recreational, or employment setting
- Experience providing/leading programs for groups of people (summer camp, service club, etc.)
- Cross cultural experience
- First Aid and CPR
- Access to reliable transportation to and from the centre

Apply:

To apply, email your cover letter and resume to hamilton@arocha.ca by April 12th, 2018. If successful, you will be contacted for an interview in the week of April 15. The successful applicant will be notified by April 26th--provided Service Canada has approved funding.