Out-tripping Director

YMCA Camp Elphinstone
1760 YMCA Road
Gibsons, BC
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Rate of Pay: $115-$118/day
Position Status: Seasonal Contract, Full time
Term: June 12th – August 31st, 2019
Reports To: Summer Camp Director

Nature & Scope

YMCA Camp Elphinstone is seeking individuals to fill the role of Out-tripping Director.

The Out-tripping (OT) Director is responsible for the planning and preparation of out-trips that occur each session. They will provide expertise, experience and skills specific to out-tripping and instruction in outdoor leadership skills.

The OT Director will supervise, support, and train the 4 Out-trippers. Part of this training will include leading staff training backpacking/canoe trips in June. The OT Director will provide assistance and leadership to other staff pertaining to outdoor living skills and practices.

The OT Director is a member of the senior staff team at camp. The senior staff team will work directly with the Summer Camp Director and Assistant Summer Camp Directors as a leadership team to build a positive camp culture and ensure the safety and overall wellbeing of all camp participants.

Responsibilities

- Provide direct supervision to the 4 Out-trippers. Provide leadership and role modelling to all staff.

Organizational Overview

The YMCA of Greater Vancouver is a charity dedicated to strengthening the foundations of community by nurturing the potential of children, teens & young adults, promoting healthy lifestyles, fostering a sense of social responsibility, and delivering lasting personal & social change. We are building a community in which a generation of children and families reach their full potential.

For over 130 years, we have been part of the community, a place where people of every age and background find the support they need to grow in spirit, mind, and body. As one of the Lower Mainland’s leading charities, the YMCA of Greater Vancouver provides services in health & fitness, childcare, camping, and employment & community to over 95,000 participants annually.

This position requires a commitment to the YMCA mission and core values – Do the Right Thing, Put People First, Keep our Promises, and Lead by example.
• Assist with developing and delivering innovative training that supports professional development of staff & volunteers.
• Ensure that all out-tripping policies/procedures and Camp Elphinstone’s high risk management standards are met at all times by all participants and staff while on on-site overnights or off-site out-trips.
• Assist with planning and scheduling overnights and out-trips. This includes scheduling cabins and staff, coordinating transportation, ensuring groups are prepared with gear, food, and supplies, ensuring required paperwork is submitted by staff, and ensuring participants have completed necessary competencies and program prior to leaving site.
• Ensure the safety of all members, participants, staff, and property by following YMCA standards/policies/procedures and ensuring they are maintained amongst all participants and staff.

Qualifications
• Advanced Wilderness First Aid
• NLS
• Class 4 Driver’s License
• Pleasure Craft Operators Card
• Previous experience planning and leading extended backpacking, canoe, and sea kayak trips with children
• Criminal Reference Check with a Vulnerable Sector Screening issued no later than six (6) months preceding start date
• 3 successful reference checks

Additional Qualifications (assets)
• Wilderness First Responder
• Paddle Canada certification (or equivalent)

YMCA Camp Elphinstone
YMCA Camp Elphinstone is located near Gibsons on the Sunshine Coast, a 40-minute ferry ride from Vancouver. It is situated on 144 acres of temperate rainforest along the shores of Howe Sound. Camp Elphinstone operates as a residential summer camp during July and August offering programs like one and two week camp, Sailing Camp, Leadership Development, and out-trips to Desolation Sound and the Sunshine Coast Trail.

From September to June, Camp Elphinstone operates as an Outdoor Education, Recreation and Retreat Centre for schools, businesses, clubs, and other special interest groups. Camp Elphinstone currently serves over 12,000 participants annually.

YMCA Camp Elphinstone has accommodation and dining for up to 400 people and has programs and equipment for swimming, canoeing, kayaking, sailing, stand up paddleboarding, low/high ropes, rock climbing, wilderness and environmental programs, archery, crafts and more. Camp Elphinstone employs approximately 140 staff/volunteers during July and August, with a team between 20-50 for the spring and fall Outdoor Education seasons, and a smaller core team of 10 staff during the winter season. Successful Camp Elphinstone staff are self-motivated individuals whose ambition is to help children and youth develop in an outdoor camp setting.

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