



**YMCA of
Greater Vancouver**

Volunteer Counsellor

YMCA Camp Elphinstone
1760 YMCA Road
Gibsons, BC
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Position Status: Seasonal Contract, Full time
Term: June 22nd – August 23rd, 2019
Reports To: Section Directors, Summer Camp Director

Nature & Scope

YMCA Camp Elphinstone is seeking individuals to fill the role of Volunteer Counsellor.

Volunteer staffing opportunities at Camp Elphinstone exist in both day camp and overnight camp. As a volunteer, you will receive training in many areas of camp. Counsellors work in pairs and are responsible for meeting the emotional, physical and safety needs of a group of up to 10 campers.

Counsellors are responsible for the planning and delivery of cabin group programs for children aged 5-15. Volunteers are required to participate in pre-camp training and commit to a minimum term of one month. Candidates able to commit to a full summer position are preferred.

Responsibilities

- Live in cabins with a co-counsellor and up to 10 campers. Accompany cabin to all programs throughout the day. Provide 24 hour supervision to these campers.
- Plan and deliver safe, fun, and experiential programming appropriate to the ages and abilities of campers. Assist with or take part in camp-wide programming.

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.

- Manage group dynamics and behaviour of the cabin group to ensure the emotional and physical safety of all campers. Ensure that all campers feel supported, safe, and all of their needs (physical emotional, social, medical, and nutritional) are being met.
- Effectively work with a partner and share responsibilities in such a way that each co-counsellor will be able to learn and grow from one another.
- Seek help from a supervisor when it is appropriate or necessary.

Qualifications

- Age 17+ by July 1, 2019
- Standard First Aid & CPR-C
- Bronze Cross
- 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)

- NLS

Application Process:

To submit application click [HERE](#)

Deadline: Until Filled

Requisition # 3170

Questions? Contact Mat Hughes at mat.hughes@gv.ymca.ca



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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.