



**YMCA of
Greater Vancouver**

Camp Craft Instructor

YMCA Camp Elphinstone
1760 YMCA Road
Gibsons, BC
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Rate of Pay: \$111 – 114 per day

Position Status: Seasonal Contract, Full time

Term: June 22nd – August 23rd, 2019

Reports To: Program Director, Summer Camp Director

Nature & Scope

YMCA Camp Elphinstone is seeking individuals to fill the role of Camp Craft Instructor.

The Camp Craft Instructor engages campers in natural ecology with hands-on and exciting outdoor activities. The Camp Craft Instructor leads activities including the following: exciting and empowering explorations of the forest and intertidal zone at Camp Elphinstone, making tools with wild material, fire building, shelter building, and outdoor cooking.

The Camp Craft Instructor must possess hands-on skills at teaching innovative and nature-based crafts and knowledge of local natural history and ecology (including local plants, animal signs and geological or meteorological observations).

The Camp Craft Instructor is a member of the program staff team at camp. The program staff team will be responsible for instructing camp activities and supporting other staff in delivering programs. They will also have other daily responsibilities such as helping with supervision of campers, evening cabin support, facilitating early morning and evening programs, program logistics, and care/maintenance of camp program equipment.

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.

Responsibilities

- Facilitating experiential and camper-focused camp craft programs with children ages 5-17.
- Regularly inspect, maintain, and inventory all camp craft equipment. Report issues to the Program Director.
- Assist with ordering camp craft supplies prior to the summer and on an ongoing basis throughout the summer.
- Work with the other 16 members of the program staff team to accomplish shared responsibilities.

Qualifications

- Standard First Aid & CPR-C
- Bronze Cross
- Knowledge or studies in ecology, biology
- 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
- Wilderness First Aid
- Certification in interpretive guiding

Application Process:

To submit application click [HERE](#).

Deadline: Until Filled

Requisition # 3161

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.