



**YMCA of  
Greater Vancouver**

## Out-tripper (4 Positions)

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 15<sup>th</sup> – August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

**Reports To:** Out-tripping Director, Summer Camp Director

### Nature & Scope

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

Out-trippers are responsible for executing a camper-focused out-tripping program that meets BCCA standards and YMCA risk management standards. Out-trippers will work with the Out-tripping Director to ensure that all tripping equipment is properly maintained and in safe working order.

While actively involving camper cabins and counsellors in the pre-trip process, the out-trippers will plan, prepare, and lead 1-9 day backpacking, canoe, and sea kayak trips in Howe Sound, the Sunshine Coast Trail, Powell Lakes, Desolation Sound and more. They will ensure that Leave No Trace principles are followed and taught on-trip, and they are responsible for the overall safety and experience of both campers and staff.

Out-trippers are members 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,

### 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.

facilitating early morning and evening programs, program logistics, and care/maintenance of camp program equipment.

### Responsibilities

- Facilitating experiential and camper-focused backpacking, canoe, and sea kayak out-trips with children ages 8-17.
- Regularly inspect, maintain, and inventory all out-tripping equipment. Report issues to the Out-tripping Director.
- Ensure that all staff and participants are following Camp Elphinstone's out-tripping policies and procedures at all times.
- Work with the other 16 members of the program staff team to accomplish shared responsibilities.

### Qualifications

- Age 19+ by July 1, 2019
- Wilderness First Aid (40+ hours)
- NLS
- FOODSAFE Level 1
- Experience leading backpacking, canoe, and sea kayak trips in the backcountry 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

#### Application Process:

To submit application click [HERE](#)

**Deadline: Until Filled**

**Requisition # 3158**

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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.