

2019 Lower Mainland Conservation Youth Crew Member

The Nature Trust of British Columbia is a leader in land conservation in the province. We conserve and care for BC's most critical natural habitats for vulnerable wildlife and plants. Since 1971 we have protected more than 175,000 acres (71,000 hectares) with our partners. In order to help care for the land, we hire Conservation Youth Crews each summer to undertake land management activities on our conservation properties.

Job Description:

We seek two Lower Mainland Conservation Crew members to assist in maintaining and monitoring 20 properties in the Lower Mainland between Hope and Squamish and on the Sunshine Coast. As a crew member, you will accompany the crew supervisor in assessing, inventorying, restoring and monitoring each property depending on specific property requirements. There will be opportunities to engage with volunteers, participate in educational stewardship events, pursue research projects and promote the work of The Nature Trust of BC.

This position is a great place to gain experience in conservation land management with an organization that has a strong reputation for conserving diverse wildlife habitat across BC.

Duties:

Provides basic maintenance of the ecological integrity of properties by removing invasive plants and rubbish, and planting native vegetation.

Contributes to assessment and monitoring activities relating to the ecological condition of properties.

Assembles and maintains geo-referenced databases to reference invasive plant locations before and after removal, and records spatial data of property features.

Monitors projects and programs related to the work; assists in preparing volunteer engagement events, fosters stewardship and promotes the cause of The Nature Trust of BC through social media and while in the field.

Assists in the preparation of a report on the status of each property and work completed throughout the summer with recommendations for the following year.

Requirements:

- ◆ Current or future post-secondary enrollment in a related discipline (environmental studies, biology, ecological restoration, resource management, etc.). Some related paid or volunteer experience working in the outdoors in the environmental field is also an asset.
- ◆ Knowledge and/or passion for the natural environment (wildlife, fish and plants) in BC.
- ◆ Physical fitness to handle an active day of work on your feet, in variable weather with some heavy lifting.
- ◆ Comfortable with various hand-held landscaping tools and operating a motor vehicle.
- ◆ Knowledge of surveying and sampling methods
- ◆ Canadian or permanent resident between the age of 19 and 30.

Wage Rate:

\$15.00/hour starting wage

Work Term and Hours:

Approximately 4 days / week from May - August 2019.

The work term is approximately 15 weeks with 9-hour workdays.

Travel pay will be provided to compensate for expenses for all overnight work.

Based out of The Nature Trust of BC head office in Vancouver (500-888 Dunsmuir Street).

How to Apply:

We are happy to answer any questions you may have regarding this position via email.

Please forward your cover letter and resume by **March 11, 2019** to the following:

- ◆ Samantha Penner, Lower Mainland Field Operations Technician:
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