Experiential Learning Program Lead

Position Location: South and East Vancouver
Application Deadline: January 20
Position start date: March 16

About Fresh Roots

We believe in Good Food for All! Everyone should have access to healthy food, land, and community. We work toward this by cultivating engaging gardens and programs that catalyze healthy eating, ecological stewardship, and community celebration. Fresh Roots stewards farms and food lands on school grounds across the lower mainland. Our fields produce good food for the community, empower youth through vocational skills development, and serve as hands-on outdoor classrooms for over 5000 students each year.

Experiential Learning

The Experiential Learning team engages learners in hands-on, joyful, experiential learning on our farms, in classrooms, and in the community. We facilitate direct experience, reflection, and a learning environment that fosters appropriate risk-taking and joy to help learning “stick.” Most of our programs work with primary and middle grades students in the context of school - teachers bring classes to the farm, or invite Fresh Roots into their classrooms. We also bring programs to community groups of all ages, and host a summer day camp for kids ages 4-11.

The Position

Are you a day camp or environmental education super star? Do you get excited about a beautifully organized binder or spreadsheet? Do you want to grow kids, veggies, and your own abilities while also lifting up others? As the EL Program Lead, you will work closely with the Experiential Learning Manager to run spring and fall field trips and act as Assistant Camp Director for Camp Fresh Roots, all on our schoolyard farms!

As Program Lead for Field Trips you will work with the EL manager to:

- Facilitate curriculum-aligned programs for elementary classes using existing lesson plans
- Create new lesson plans for use in future seasons
- Assist in training and mentoring volunteers, Work/Learns and Career Development students

As Assistant Camp Director, you will work with the EL Manager to plan camp activities, hire and train staff, and make camp magical for campers and staff. You will also be independently responsible for:

- Camp logistics (purchasing, planning field trips, check-in/out procedures, etc.)
- Parent communications (including registration follow-up and end-of-session newsletters)
- Camper and staff health and safety (FoodSafe, first aid, etc.)
- Planning and leading daily opening and closing circles and other camp activities
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Qualifications

- Post-secondary degree or equivalent experience in education, agriculture, ecology, theater, or related fields preferred
- Experience working with kids from diverse backgrounds in a day camp, outdoor school, or similar setting; supervisory experience preferred
- Passion for farm, environmental, and/or food systems education
- Ability to teach farming/gardening and cooking skills to kids
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills. English fluency required; able to teach in French or another language a plus
- Organized with good attention to detail; able to prioritize and balance many different tasks
- Able to work independently and in a small team
- Comfortable using and learning new technology, including Google Suite
- Physically able and happy to work outdoors in all conditions for up to 8 hours a day
- Driver’s License required
- Able to pass a criminal record check
- Current First Aid with CPR-C or better and FoodSafe certification will be required before programs start
- Must meet Canada Summer Jobs Requirements

Key Details

- Pay rate $17.50-$18.50 per hour, DOE.
- 1000 hours from mid-March through October
  - Part time (20-30 hours/week) March through May
  - Full time (35-40+ hours/week) June through October with two weeks unpaid time off in September
- Spring and fall hours are somewhat flexible, but will include 9:00-3:00 at least 3 days a week.
- Summer hours are 8:30-5:00, M-F and may require some weekend hours.
  - No time off will be granted during July and August.

How to Apply

E-mail a short cover letter (500 words) and resume as one document to jobs@freshroots.ca with your name and EL Program Lead in the subject. Review of applications will begin January 20.

Fresh Roots is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from underrepresented groups.

We regret that due to the high volume of applicants only those selected for interviews will be contacted.