

DEADLINE: SUNDAY NOV 13 @ NOON



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RE: Winter Break Work Experience Placement

The Vancouver Aquarium is currently recruiting **12 full day students and 6 half day students** for our **Winter Break AquaCamps**.

As a Work Experience Student, you will have an excellent opportunity to gain experience working with children in an educational setting, work on your communication and leadership skills, develop a sense of teamwork and explore career options.

Title:	AquaCamps Marine Educator										
Department:	AquaCamps										
Point Persons:	Danika Strecko & Nicole Straughan										
Key Dates:	<p>Mandatory Group Interview: Sunday November 20th. Time to be confirmed, and by invitation only.</p> <p>The Vancouver Aquarium will let students know if they have been selected for an interview by Thursday November 17th.</p> <p>Mandatory Training: all students must attend both days</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Core Training: Sunday December 4th, from 8:30am to 4:30pm.Specialist Training: Sunday December 11th, from 9:00am – 3:00pm										
Placement Dates:	<p>Commitment: Volunteers must commit to a minimum of 5 of the 9 program days. Volunteers may choose to be either a Full day educator or a half day educator but <u>cannot switch between the two</u>.</p> <p>Program Dates:</p> <table><tr><td>December 19</td><td>December 27</td></tr><tr><td>December 20</td><td>December 28</td></tr><tr><td>December 21</td><td>December 29</td></tr><tr><td>December 22</td><td>December 30</td></tr><tr><td>December 23</td><td></td></tr></table>	December 19	December 27	December 20	December 28	December 21	December 29	December 22	December 30	December 23	
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Shifts:	Full day: 8:30-3:30pm Half day: 2:00 – 6:00pm
Description of Volunteer Opportunity:	Assist with the preparation, delivery and clean-up of Spring Camp program. Enhance participants' experience through group activities using hands-on, interactive activity stations and props. Help supervise and lead small groups of children during play and gallery exploration time. For more information on the Spring Camps, visit http://www.vanaqua.org/learn/camps/aquacamps Please Note: This is not an Animal Care placement; students will be primarily working with children and not working with marine life.
Skills Preferred:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outgoing, enthusiastic and self-motivated • Experience in educating and/or working with children • Students in Grade 11 or 12 preferred • Excellent interpersonal, time management and presentation skills • Must be creative, flexible and proactive in problem solving • Interested in learning about marine biology and/or education
Please Note:	Grade 11 or 12 students are preferred.
Volunteer Benefits:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain valuable experience working with children • Gain valuable group leadership skills • Priority placement in Volunteer training • Learn more about the animals at the Aquarium • Completion of hours towards Work Experience requirements

Interested Students:

If you have interested students, we ask that you advise them to apply by clicking on the link below. They will then be directed to our online application form through our volunteer management database.

By clicking the "Fill in an Application" button on the right side of the website, they can complete their application by entering in all of the required fields. Please advise them **to complete this application in one sitting** as they may have difficulty editing their profile afterwards.

Please note students will be given the option (not mandatory) to upload their resume & cover letter during this application, so I suggest having these on hand before beginning this process.



If you could also please remind your students to ensure that they have selected "Wex Student" when asked what type of volunteer placement they are applying for, and Marine Educator AquaCamps WEX Placement as the name of the specific position applying for. Students must also select Winter Break 2016 as the Wex placement date applying for.

Students must also select Full Time or Part Time under the shift dates & times option. In this placement, you must do a minimum of 5 out of 9 days. In the Other – Notes section, please indicate your preference of days from 1 to 9.

Please note that students MUST complete all required fields indicated for their application to be received properly.

[Click here to see our volunteer opportunities](#)

Please refer to the attached PDF "How To" guide if you have any questions regarding this process.

Students' applications will then be reviewed and applicants will be contacted via email for an in-person or telephone interview approximately 4 days before the interview.

Please submit all online applications by Sunday November 13th at noon.

If you require more information about the Aquarium's Work Experience Program, our new application forms, or the specific responsibilities of the students, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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