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RE: SPRING BREAK WEX Placement

The Vancouver Aquarium is currently recruiting **18** (14 full-time, 4 part-time) highly motivated, energetic students to fill the **Spring AquaCamp Educator Work Experience Placement**.

As a Work Experience Student, you will be: This placement will provide an excellent opportunity for students to gain experience working with children in an educational setting, work on their communication and leadership skills, develop a sense of teamwork and explore career options.

Title:	Spring Camp Educator
Department:	Children's Programs
Point Persons:	Nicole Straughan, Manager Children's Programs Sue Murray, Assistant Manager Children's Programs
Key Dates:	<p>Mandatory Group Interview: SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21st 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 February 18th.</p> <p>Mandatory Training: all students must attend both days</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Core Training: Sunday February 28th, time TBA. 2. Specific Training: Saturday March 5th 10:00am-3:00pm 3. Self-Tour Time: Anytime during the week of March 5th - 13th
Placement Dates:	<p>Choose Full or Part Time</p> <p>Full Commitment: Two full weeks during Spring Break, 8:30am – 3:30pm daily.</p> <p>Part-Time Commitment: Two full weeks during Spring Break, 2:30pm – 6:00pm daily.</p> <p>14 full-time and 4 part-time student leaders needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AquaCamp – March 14th-18th and March 21st-25th
Shifts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full time = 8:30-3:30, Monday-Friday, March 14th to 25th. • Part Time = 2:30-6:00, Monday-Friday, March 14th to 25th.

Description of Volunteer Opportunity:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Please Note: This is not an Animal Care placement; students will be primarily working with children and not be working with marine life.</p>
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:	<p>Grade 11 or 12 students are preferred.</p>
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 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. Also, please make sure students have selected "Spring Break 2016" for the "Wex Placement Date



Applying For” section. All of this information ensures that their application is received properly.

Students must also select Full Time Option or Part Time Option under the shift dates & times option. Because of the limited amount of part time shifts, please let any students - applying for the Part Time positions – know that they should indicate on their application if they would be willing to volunteer for the Full Time option as well.

[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 for an in-person or telephone interview approximately 4 days before the interview.

Please submit all online applications by Friday February 12th 2016.

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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