

Youth Work Experience – AquaCamps Leader

Summer Break 2019



Information sessions are on April 15, 24, 30.

Students must attend an information session to be considered.

Role summary:

You will have an excellent opportunity to gain experience working with children aged 4-12 in an educational setting, work on your communication and leadership skills, develop a sense of teamwork and explore career options. Specifically, you will:

- Assist with the preparation, delivery and clean-up of Summer AquaCamps 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 AquaCamps, please visit <https://vanaqua.org/camps>

Desired skills and experience:

- 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

Special requirements:

- Grade 11 or 12 students preferred.

Commitment and Shift Times:

Full time students volunteer from 8:30am – 3:30pm.

Part time students volunteer from 2:00pm – 6:00pm.

- **Group A:**
 - **Role Shadow: Not applicable**
 - **Regular Shifts: July 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19.**
- **Group B:**
 - **Role Shadow: July 10 OR 17**
 - **Regular Shifts: July 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31, August 1, 2.**
- **Group C:**
 - **Role Shadow: July 24 OR 31**
 - **Regular Shifts: August 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16.**
- **Group D:**
 - **Role Shadow: August 7 OR 14**
 - **Regular Shifts: August 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30.**

Work environment:

- Aquarium galleries, inside and outside, classrooms, wet labs, Stanley Park.

Mandatory Training:

- Core Training:
 - **Groups A, B**
 - Wednesday, June 19 from 6:00pm – 9:00pm
 - **Groups C, D**
 - Thursday, July 25 from 6:00pm – 9:00pm
- Specific Training:
 - **Groups A, B**
 - Saturday, June 22 from 10:00am – 4:00pm
 - **Groups C, D**
 - Saturday, July 27 from 10:00am – 4:00pm

How to apply:

- Students must review the separate **Application How To** document on our website to learn how to apply.

Youth Work Experience – Gallery Interpreter Summer Break 2019



Information sessions are on April 15, 24, 30.

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Role summary:

You will engage, amaze and inspire visitors, providing them with unique, personal experiences which foster a dedication to conserve aquatic life. Interpretation is the science and art of building connections between visitors and our world. Specifically, you will:

- Showcase specific animals and provide educational and interpretive opportunities using a variety of props, activities, and information;
- Deliver information about various galleries and exhibits;
- Run craft and face painting stations;
- Facilitate handling of live animals, such as sea urchins and sea anemones;
- Other duties to support the Interpretive Delivery team.

Desired skills and experience:

- Outgoing, enthusiastic and self-motivated;
- Students currently in Grade 10, 11 or 12;
- Genuine interest in working with the public;
- Enthusiasm for biology, ecology, and/or other sciences, education, art, or any combination;
 - Note that you do *not* need to be a subject matter expert in order to volunteer – enthusiasm and interest in learning more are all that are required
- Strong communication skills;
- Experience with delivering excellent customer service;
- Second language an asset, but not required.

Commitment and Shift Times:

All shifts run 10:30am – 6:00pm (OR until 5:00pm for shifts up to and including June 28th)

- **Group A:** May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 30, July 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22.
- **Group B:** May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23, July 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19.
- **Group C:** May 18, 20, 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Sept 1
- **Group D:** May 19, 20, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11, 18, 25, 31, Sept 1
- **Group E:** July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19
- **Group F:** July 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, August 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
- **Group G:** August 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30
- **Group H:** July 26, 27, 28, August 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25

- **Group I:** July 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31, **August** 1, 5, 6, 7, 8
- **Group J:** **August** 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29 30

Work environment:

- Aquarium galleries, inside and outside.

Mandatory Training:

- Core Training:
 - **Groups A, B, C, D**
 - Wednesday, May 8 from 5:30pm – 9:00pm
 - **Groups E, F, G, H, I, J**
 - Sunday, June 16 from 9:00am – 3:00pm
- Specific Training:
 - **Groups A, B, C, D**
 - Sunday, May 12 from 8:30am – 3:00pm
 - **Groups E, F, H, I**
 - Sunday, June 23 from 8:30am – 3:00pm
 - **Groups G, J**
 - Sunday, August 4 from 8:30am – 3:00pm

How to apply:

- Students must review the separate **Application How To** document on our website to learn how to apply.

Youth Work Experience – Youth Street Team Assistant Summer Break 2019



Information sessions are on April 15, 24, 30.

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Role summary:

You will be on a team of enthusiastic frontline ambassadors of the Vancouver Aquarium. The Street Team generates excitement amongst the public regarding new exhibits and events as well as overall aquatic conservation messaging to support the Aquarium's mission. Street Team Members showcase the Vancouver Aquarium at local events, community festivals and other high traffic venues as well as onsite as needed.

Desired skills and experience:

- 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
- Interested in learning about marine biology and/or education

Commitment and Shift Times:

Students are expected to choose five of the six available shifts.

All shifts are offsite, but students will meet at the Vancouver Aquarium and be brought back to the Vancouver Aquarium at the end of the shift. Students can go direct to the event if they wish. Note that shift times include transportation to and from the Vancouver Aquarium.

- **June 9:** Telus Walk to Cure Diabetes - Lumberman's Arch, Stanley Park.
 - 8:00am – 4:00pm
- **June 16:** Main Street Car Free Day - Main Street, Vancouver.
 - 8:00am – 4:00pm
- **July 6:** Khatsahlano Block Party – West 4th Avenue, Vancouver.
 - 8:00am – 4:00pm
- **July 20:** Surrey Fusion Festival - Holland Park, Surrey.
 - 8:00am – 4:00pm
- **July 21:** Surrey Fusion Festival - Holland Park, Surrey.
 - 8:00am – 4:00pm

- **August 4:** Pride Parade – Downtown, Vancouver.
 - 8:00am – 4:00pm

Work environment:

- This role is primarily off-site at community festivals throughout the lower mainland.

Mandatory Training:

- Core Training:
 - Wednesday, May 8 from 6:00pm – 9:00pm
- Specific Training:
 - Sunday, June 2 from

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Youth Work Experience – Visitor & Gallery Assistant Summer Break 2019



Information sessions are on April 15, 24, 30.

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Role summary:

You will be working with a team of volunteers and staff to create the ultimate visitor experience for all our guests; creating connections between visitors and our animals, programs and amenities. This is an excellent opportunity for students to build their knowledge in:

- Customer service and communication skills;
- Professionalism in a workplace setting;
- Verbal and non-verbal body language skills;
- Conservation, animals, and ocean issues;
- Exploring career options.

Tasks include but are not limited to:

- Providing general information such as programs offered, animal locations, way finding in Stanley Park and aquarium;
- Assist at the main entrance with line ups and express ticket kiosks, troubleshoot issues with kiosks, answer questions about tickets or membership, work with admission staff;
- Inform visitors of amenities and services offered while they visit;
- Deliver a personal and memorable experience to visitors; put the extra in your ordinary!

Desired skills and experience:

- Outgoing, enthusiastic, and self-motivated;
- Students in high school;
- Genuine interest in working with the public;
- Strong communication skills;
- Experience in delivering excellent customer service;
- Second language an asset, but not required

Commitment and Shift Times:

All shifts run 10:30am – 4:30pm (OR from 10:00am if for professional development)

- **Group A**
 - **Professional Development:** Sunday, 16th June from 10:00am – 4:30pm
 - **Regular Shifts:** July 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 23
 - **Evaluation:** Tuesday, July 23 (*Mandatory*)
- **Group B**
 - **Professional Development:** Sunday, 16th June from 10:00am – 4:30pm
 - **Regular Shifts:** July 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23
 - **Evaluation:** Tuesday, July 23 (*Mandatory*)
- **Group C**
 - **Professional Development:** Sunday, 16th June from 10:00am – 4:30pm
 - **Regular Shifts:** July 24, 25, 26, 30, 31 **August** 1, 5, 6, 7, 11
 - **Evaluation:** Sunday, August 11 (*Mandatory*)

- **Group D**
 - **Professional Development:** Sunday, 16th June from 10:00am – 4:30pm
 - **Regular Shifts:** July 27, 28, 29 August 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11
 - **Evaluation:** Sunday, August 11 (*Mandatory*)
- **Group E**
 - **Professional Development:** Sunday, July 21 from 10:00am – 4:30pm
 - **Regular Shifts:** August 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 31
 - **Evaluation:** Saturday, August 31 (*Mandatory*)
- **Group F**
 - **Professional Development:** Sunday, July 21 from 10:00am – 4:30pm
 - **Regular Shifts:** August 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30
 - **Evaluation:** Friday, August 30 (*Mandatory*)

Work environment:

- Aquarium galleries, inside and outside.

Mandatory Training:

- Core Training:
 - **Groups A, B, C, D**
 - Wednesday, May 8 from 6:00pm – 9:00pm
 - **Groups E, F**
 - Sunday, June 16 from 9:00am – 3:00pm
- Specific Training:
 - **Groups A, B, C, D**
 - Sunday, June 02 from 9:00am – 1:00 pm
 - **Groups E, F**
 - Sunday, 07 July from 9:00am – 1:00pm

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