

Youth Work Experience – Spring 2018

Children's Programs – Aqua Camps Youth Leader

Information sessions are on **15 May 2018 & 23 May 2018**

Cut off to register for an information session will be 24 hours prior to the session



Role summary:

- As a work experience student, 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.
- 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.

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.

Commitment:

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

Work environment:

- Aquarium-wide, both indoor & outdoor galleries.
- For more information on AquaCamps, please visit <https://vanaqua.org/camps>

Shifts available:

- **Full time:** 8:30am – 3:30pm.
- **Part time:** 2:00pm – 6:00pm.

Mandatory Training:

- Core Training
 - Groups with a July start date will have core training on Monday June 18th from 5:30pm – 8:00pm
 - Groups with an August start date will have core training on Sunday July 22nd from 6:30pm – 9:00pm
- Specific Training
 - Groups with a July start date will have specific training on Saturday June 23rd from 10:00am – 4:00pm
 - Groups with an August start date will have specific training on Saturday July 28th from 10:00am – 4:00pm
- Role Shadow
 - Group A: No shadow day
 - Group B: Wednesday July 11th or Wednesday July 18th from 8:30am – 3:30pm
 - Group C: Wednesday July 25th or Wednesday August 1st from 8:30am – 3:30pm
 - Group D: Wednesday August 8th or Wednesday August 15th from 8:30am – 3:30pm

To apply:

- To apply, please visit our website at <http://www.vanaqua.org/join/hands-on/work-experience/opportunities-available> and follow the instructions on the webpage.
- All interested students must register in our database. Once complete, students will receive an email outlining how to sign up for an information session.
- Participation in the info session does not guarantee placement. Please note that the info session also contains a group interview period in the second portion, so students should come prepared to speak about their interests and qualifications as they relate to the role for which they are applying.
- Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Volunteer Services at 604 659 3478 or email workexperience@ocean.org

Youth Work Experience – Summer 2018

Interpretive Delivery – Gallery Interpreter

Information sessions are on **15 May 2018 & 23 May 2018**

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Role summary:

- As a work experience student in the Gallery Interpreter position, you will engage, amaze and inspire visitors and provide the opportunity for guests to have unique, personal experiences that 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:

- Group 1: July 1, 2, 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11, 18, 25, September 1. (*Saturdays & Holidays*)
- Group 2: July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5, 6, 12, 19, 26, September 2. (*Sundays & Holidays*)
- Group 3: July 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19. (*July dates, Monday – Thursday*)
- Group 4: July 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31, August 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9. (*July & August dates, Monday – Thursday*)
- Group 5: August 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30. (*August dates, Monday – Thursday*)
- Group 6: July 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29. (*July dates, Friday – Sunday*)
- Group 7: August 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 31, September 1, 2. (*August dates, Friday – Sunday*)
- Group 8: July 1, 2, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29. (*July weekends*)
- Group 9: August 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26, September 1, 2. (*August weekends*)
- Group 10: July 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20. (*July dates, Monday – Friday*)
- Group 11: July 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, August 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10. (*July & August dates, Monday – Friday*)
- Group 12: August 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31. (*August dates, Monday – Friday*)

Work environment:

- Aquarium-wide; both indoor & outdoor galleries.

Shifts available:

- 10:45am – 5:45pm.

Mandatory Training:

- Core Training
 - Groups with a July start date will have core training on Thursday June 14th from 5:30pm – 8:00pm
 - Groups with an August start date will have core training on Wednesday July 25th from 6:30pm – 9:00pm
- Specific Training
 - Groups with a July start date will have specific training on Saturday June 30th from 9:00am – 4:00pm
 - Groups with an August start date will have specific training on Sunday July 29th from 9:00am – 4:00pm

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Youth Work Experience – Summer Break 2018

Visitor Experience – Visitor & Gallery Assistant

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Role summary:

- As a work experience student, you will be working with a team of volunteers and staff to create the ultimate visitor experience for all of our guests.
- Creating connections between our guests and our animals.
- Excellent opportunity for students to build their knowledge in:
 - Customer service and communication skills;
 - professionalism in a workplace setting;
 - Conservation and animal species.
 - Exploring career options.
- Tasks include but are not limited to:
 - Providing general information such as programs offered, way finding;
 - Assist at the main entrance with line ups and express ticket kiosks;
 - Inform visitors of amenities and services offered while they visit;
 - Deliver a personal and memorable experience to visitors.

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 is an asset.

Commitment:

- Group 1a: July 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26, 29, 31.
- Group 1b: July 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26, 29, 31.
- Group 2a: July 4, 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, 18, 20, 21, 25, 27, 28, 29.
- Group 2b: July 4, 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, 18, 20, 21, 25, 27, 28, 29.
- Group 3: July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20, 27.
- Group 4a: August 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 26, 28, 30, September 2.
- Group 4b: August 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 26, 28, 30, September 2.
- Group 5a: August 1, 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 22, 24, 25, 29.
- Group 5b: August 1, 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 22, 24, 25, 29.

Work environment:

- Aquarium-wide; both indoor & outdoor galleries.

Shift times:

- Groups who have an “a” in their name have shifts from 10:00am – 2:00pm
- Groups who have a “b” in their name have shifts from 2:00pm – 6:00pm
- Group 3 have shifts from 11:00am – 7:00pm

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 - Groups with an August start date will have core training on Wednesday July 25th from 6:30pm – 9:00pm.
- Specific Training
 - Groups with a July start date will have specific training on Sunday June 17th from 8:00am – 12:00pm **OR** Sunday June 24th from 1:00pm – 4:00pm.
 - Groups with an August start date will have specific training on Sunday July 15th from 8:00am – 12:00pm **OR** Sunday July 22nd from 1:00pm – 4:00pm.

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