



Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society

Job Openings for Post Secondary Students: Beach Hero Marine Interpreters

OVERVIEW: The Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society is inviting applications for 2 summer student positions as **Beach Hero Interpreters**. Successful candidate(s) will deliver interpretive marine walks to visitors; collect recreational use data on beaches around Boundary Bay and the White Rock & Blackie Spit piers.

****Positions and duration of position(s) are subject to adequate funding***

Post #1 DESCRIPTION of Coordinating Contract Position from May 4th until September 3rd

- Work closely with FoSBS team and student interpreter
- As coordinating interpreter, determine schedule and promote (online, press, bulletin boards etc) weekly beach walks based on tide tables for the public and school groups
- Coordinate program voice mail messages with informative replies and scheduling
- Present the beach's intertidal life and habitats through informative and engaging marine interpreted walks for all ages of beach goers
- Act as roving interpreter around the intertidal zone and foreshore, as well as provide interpretation for scheduled beach walks
- Inform beach visitors about beach conservation values and etiquette, and about safe and appropriate behaviour on the beach
- Interview recreational users and inform about proper fishing and crab fishing regulations and practices, check catches and report illegal fishing activity to DFO
- Survey beaches for shellfish harvesting and report to DFO using Observe, Record & Report system
- Hand out informative materials, beach hero swag and callipers where appropriate.
- Attend and organize a number of public festivals/events; transport, setup and take down materials
- Accurately record all beach activities and survey data for final report
- Carry camera at all times for photo/video evidence and take photos for final report
- Send weekly press releases and collect appropriate news clippings for final report
- Clean equipment and displays, keep brochures and materials organized
- Develop new program interpretive materials

Following Program End Date:

- Clean, organize and pack equipment, displays and materials
- Analyze recorded data into graphs and tables
- Write final report and compile all attachments

ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be a post secondary student, planning to return to school in the fall
- Must be a Canadian citizen
- Current studies in marine biology or biology, education and/or geography or related is preferred but students in other scientific disciplines will be considered
- Valid BC Drivers license and have a reliable vehicle and cell phone
- Experience working with the public, all ages an asset

ASSET QUALIFICATIONS

- Knowledge of intertidal life and marine ecosystems and interest in outdoor recreation activities
- Familiarity with Boundary Bay beaches
- Interpretation and teaching experience
- First aid certification

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SKILLS

- Confident and personable, able to easily approach and initiate conversation with the public
- Excellent communication skills and enthusiasm about working with a wide variety of the public
- Highly organized with strong administration skills
- Comfortable working independently with minimal supervision
- Willing and able to report poaching activity to enforcement officers
- Reliable and accurate data-keeping
- Able to walk long distances for long period of time, handle the rigours of outdoor field activities in all weather conditions, on weekends and with variable hours with a smile

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

Tentative and subject to adequate funding (to be confirmed last week in April):

- Paid position May 4th to September 3rd
- 5 day work week, 7 hrs per day (field and reporting) and includes all weekends and summer holidays.
- Training will be provided
- Interpreter to use own vehicle, be responsible for travel expenses and own cell phone expense

WAGE: \$15.00 per hour

DEADLINE: April 15, 2009

Post # 2 DESCRIPTION of Contract Position from May 25th until August 31st

- Work closely with coordinating interpreter and FoSBS team
- Present the beach's intertidal life and habitats through informative and engaging marine interpreted walks for all ages of beach goers
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- Survey beaches for shellfish harvesting and report to DFO using Observe, Record & Report system
- Hand out informative materials, beach hero swag & callipers where appropriate.
- Attend & participate in organizing a number of festivals/events; transport, setup & take down materials
- Accurately record all beach activities and survey data for final report
- Carry camera at all times for photo/video evidence and take photos for final report
- Facilitate weekly press releases and collect appropriate news clippings for final report
- Clean equipment and displays, keep brochures and materials organized
- Facilitate development of new interpretative program materials

Following Program End Date:

- Clean, organize and pack equipment, displays and materials
- Work with coordinating interpreter to analyze recorded data into graphs and tables and facilitate final report writing

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TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

Tentative and subject to adequate funding (to be confirmed last week in April :

- Contract from May 25th to August 31st (35 hours/week for 14 weeks).
- 5 day work week, 7 hours per day (field and reporting) and includes all weekends & summer holidays.
- Training will be provided.
- Interpreter to use own vehicle and be responsible for travel expenses and cell phone expenses.

WAGE: \$13.00 per hour

DEADLINE: April 15, 2009

Email resume & cover letter outlining relevant skills and experience to:

Jane, information@birdsonthebay.ca **Subject: Beach Hero Marine Interpreter Program Job Posting**

This position is with Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society with funding support from BC Nature, Department of Fisheries & Oceans, and other funding is unconfirmed at this time.

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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