



Youth Nature Programs

2019 Volunteer Job Description

Position Title	Youth Nature Program Educator
Immediate Supervisor	Katie Bakken, Program Coordinator (katie@friendsoffishcreek.org)
Youth Nature Program Description	Youth groups (ages 5 and up) are engaged in fun, interactive programs that foster discovery of and connection with the natural world. Proceeds support education and stewardship initiatives in Fish Creek Provincial Park.
Overall Role of Volunteer Educators	Co-host pre-designed programs for youth groups with fellow volunteers.
Desired Outcomes	Increased youth engagement, understanding and appreciation of nature and wildlife. Possible future involvement of participating youth groups in stewardship opportunities.
Tasks & Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign up for shifts using <i>MyVolunteerPage</i> • Pick up and drop off program equipment at the Bow Valley Ranch • Greet groups and introduce program and go over safety checklist before heading out • Work with fellow volunteers to engage participants throughout program & foster safety • Provide accurate information; if you don't know the answer, forward Q to staff for F/U • Ask youth group leaders to complete program evaluation form at end of program • Complete and submit Program Report to Friends' staff • Opportunities for Volunteer Educators to volunteer at StarNight, Creekfest & Bird Camp
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign and submit Friends of Fish Creek Volunteer Agreement • Acknowledge Friends of Fish Creek Volunteer Handbook on MVP profile • Clear Police Information and Vulnerable Sector Checks (first-year volunteers only) • Experience with/desire to engage in public speaking & working with youth • Basic familiarity with Fish Creek Provincial Park & able to walk for 2 hours • Carry working/charged up personal cell phone for use in an emergency • Ability to work as part of a team; volunteers in this program work in groups • Able to get to various Fish Creek Provincial Park access points reliably • Must have basic computer/internet skills and email access • Take part in annual training and safety orientation
Time Commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated 2-4 programs per month from April to September.
Training Provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training provided on program content and delivery methods • Opportunities to observe programs before actively taking part in program delivery
Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Report & Evaluation to be submitted to Friends staff after each program
Evaluation	Youth group Leaders will complete evaluation at end of each program. Volunteers will be invited to share input through end-of-season Volunteer Experience Survey.
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involvement in the community, meet new people, learn about park ecology • Receive Voice of the Friends newsletter to stay informed about upcoming opportunities • Invitation to participate in optional First Aid training • Eligible for Letter of Involvement at end-of-season (if requested) • Enjoy the outdoors and be physically active • Invitation to Volunteer Appreciation events
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