

Forest School Facilitators offer developmentally appropriate and provoking ways for children to interact with the forest, marking the beginnings of a lifelong connection to nature. Facilitators deliver curriculum and create learning spaces for lessons within the themes of land, art, and food. Facilitators work with a team to support risky play, where children encounter rewards, natural consequences, and a curiosity for experimentation. This role requires that we observe children's interests, strengths, and needs to deliver emergent curriculum, taking their learning a step further while ensuring that risks are managed to prioritize safety. A Forest School Facilitator demonstrates respect for nature and strives to be in reciprocal relations with the land.

**Duties include:** 1) Ensure the safety of children by assessing, mitigating, and preventing risks, 2) Observe children's interests, behaviour, and needs then share findings with the team, 3) Implement Emergent Curriculum with flexibility and alternatives for diverse learners, 4) Guide children using positive behaviour guidance, 5) Document injuries and incidents, 6) Bring a nourishing and kind attitude to work to establish caring relationships with children and families, and 7) Problem-solve difficult situations professionally and creatively.

## **Eligibility:**

- Between 15 and 30 years of age and a full-time student returning to school in the Fall
- Valid First-Aid Certification, Criminal Record Check, and Vulnerable Sector Check
- Preparedness & comfort for working outdoors all day, including during varied weather conditions
- Experience working with children 5-12 years of age
- Availability for paid in-person training
- Ability to work in dynamic team environments and communicate clearly and effectively

## Other characteristics we value in facilitators:

- Experience on the land or facilitating Land-Based Education
- Lived Experience (e.g. as a Mi'kmaq or Indigenous person, in supporting family/community members/children, learning outside formal education, or in navigating oppressive systems, etc.)
- Early Childhood Education Diploma or equivalent
- Wilderness and Remote First Aid
- Background in the Arts or experience growing/preparing food

## Rate of Pay & Hours: 32 hrs/wk at \$16.50/hr (We operate 4 days a week!)

Contract Dates: 7-9 weeks starting June 17<sup>th</sup>