



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Spring/Summer Environmental Educator

Position Type

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30 hours/week for 8 weeks

Compensation \$11.40/hour

Start Date: ASAP

Location: Vaughan, Ontario (Kavanah Garden on Lebovic Campus Dr.)

Organization Overview

Shoresh Jewish Environmental Programs was established in 2002 to lead the Jewish environmental movement in the Greater Toronto Area. Rooted in Jewish wisdom and practice, Shoresh's environmental programs respond to contemporary food and ecological issues. Through experiential education and action, Shoresh creates meaningful Jewish life and builds a more sustainable and inspired community.

In 2009, Shoresh established the Kavanah Garden, an organic educational garden that models Jewish agricultural laws and environmental ethics, at the Lebovic Jewish Community Campus in Vaughan. In addition to our programs at the Kavanah Garden, Shoresh offers educational programs at various locations across the GTA, hosts an annual Jewish Food Conference, and has begun a Jewish farming venture in Hillsburgh, Ontario! Visit our website at www.shoresh.ca for more information!

Environmental Educator Position Responsibilities:

- Sets up, facilitates and wraps up Jewish environmental hands-on education programs for students/participants and community members at school programs and community events/drop-ins
 - Assists in providing group education and executing gardening activities
- Ensures festivals and weekly community events/drop-in runs smoothly at the Kavanah Garden and at off-site locations
- Designs new curriculum, and prepares and gathers materials for programs when necessary
- Maintains the health and well-being of Shoresh's garden sites through planting, watering, mulching, building structures
- Maintains data log of all activities, harvests, and volunteering
- Contributes to the distribution of Shoresh's marketing materials, and promotes events and programs through digital media to get new participants and partnerships
- Works closely and reports to the Program Coordinator

Experience Required:

- Working with children ages 3-12
- Outdoor/environmental education
- Jewish education/knowledge

- Strong knowledge of Jewish values, teachings and practices
- Small scale organic gardening
- Managing and working with volunteers

Personal Qualities:

- Enthusiastic, warm, motivated, responsible, flexible and grounded
- Open to the many ways that community members understand and engage with questions of Jewish identity.
- “Get it done” mentality: is resourceful, self motivated, and takes initiative
- Big picture thinker and logistically minded
- Interest and experience in working with demographics including seniors and special needs
- Proven commitment to developing healthy, balanced and open working relationships
- Demonstrated exceptionally strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Love of nature, and spending time outdoors

Important Note

This is a Canada Summer Jobs position funded by Service Canada. Applicants must be:

- Enrolled in Secondary or Post-Secondary or Vocational or Technical School
- Full-time student in previous year, with the intention of returning to full-time studies in the upcoming year
- 15 - 30 years of age inclusively at the time of intake or selection
- Canadian citizen, permanent resident or persons on whom refugee protection has been conferred
- Be legally entitled to work in Canada

Other Requirements:

- Valid driver’s license with access to a vehicle (bonus)
- Must be able to lift 15lb
- Has (or will obtain) current emergency first aid certification (bonus)

To Apply:

Please e-mail your resume and cover letter outlining how your skills and experiences make you an ideal candidate for this position to Maya Stern (Youth and Family Program Coordinator) at maya@shoresh.ca, with “Spring/Summer Environmental Educator” in the subject line. Please visit www.shoresh.ca or contact us at 416-805-8382 for more information.