

Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corps Aboriginal Leadership Student

Position Title:	Assistant Camp Coordinator
Location:	Eskasoni, Nova Scotia
Position Status:	Temporary, 15 weeks [May 11, 2015 – August 21, 2015]
Hours:	35 hours per week
Wage:	\$13.00/hour

The Clean Nova Scotia Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization that started in 1988. We work in vital environmental areas like energy, water, transportation and waste. The Clean Foundation provides the knowledge, tools and inspiration needed to encourage the individual actions that add up to positive environmental change. We partner with individual citizens, governments, organizations, communities and businesses to find environmental solutions.

You may know us as Clean Nova Scotia, but we work across Atlantic Canada, throughout the traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik. Our local roots are going global, exploring how our knowledge and experience can be used in other countries, including nations in the developing world. That's why we say we're just *Clean*.

We are currently seeking a hardworking, dynamic and motivated individual to add to our Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corps (NSYCC) leadership team for summer 2015 who has a strong passion for people and the environment. Our approach is always collaborative and team oriented.

Program Overview:

The NSYCC program was established in 1989 to provide Nova Scotian youth with training and employment opportunities in the environmental field. This program engages community partners across the province to hire students to carry out work that enhances the local environment through the summer months. The NSYCC provides Nova Scotian youth with environmental work experience, an enhanced appreciation of the environment and their community, and develops skills for life-long learning including, team-building and leadership skills, public speaking and community outreach, increased knowledge for future employment and/or education ventures, program evaluation techniques, the ability to give back to their community and their environment, and workplace safety training, including first aid, WHMIS, and Occupational Health & Safety.

A new component of the NSYCC program which was piloted in 2014, is a 15 week leadership program with First Nation communities across the province. Successful students will attend a separate training session in May that allows them to succeed in a leadership role through their summer work placement with the community partner. Successful candidates will be responsible for delivering an environmental project in their community, helping planning and coordinating of the project, supervising NSYCC students in the nine week program, and providing support at the training camp for the full Youth Core in July.

Leadership students will gain meaningful experience in:

- Project planning and coordination;
- Mentorship and supervision of staff;
- Training and facilitation skills;
- Public outreach and communication.

Position Overview:

The community partner for this Summer Intern position through the Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corps (NSYCC) will be the *Mi'kmaq Environmental Learning Centre*, reporting to the Executive Director. In this position, you will be responsible for coordinating “Nikani Awtiken”, an eight [8] day long summer camp about natural resource management and traditional Mi'kmaq knowledge. You will participate in planning all aspects of the camp, and you will be a camp counselor for the camp itself. The successful candidate needs to be organized and motivated, have experience working with youth, and have conflict resolution skills. Knowledge of Mi'kmaq culture and language is an asset. Most work weeks will be a regular 35 hour work week, however, this job will require you to commit to being available for the entire time throughout the week of camp, August 6 to 13, 2015. You will need to stay at the camp with the camp participants and will not be able to leave the site without prior arrangement with your supervisor.

About the Community Partner:

The Mi'kmaq Environmental Learning Centre (MELC) is a community-driven organization that provides education and leadership on sustainability, preservation of natural and cultural history, and management of resources. Established in 2010 as a tribute to Mi'kmaq Elders who generously share their knowledge, MELC aims to keep their teachings alive for future generations. MELC's work is based on the guiding principle of Netukulimk, a Mi'kmaq word that is about achieving standards of community well-being without jeopardizing our environment. Our office is based in Eskasoni.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Organize camp details (rental agreement, presenters, food, etc.);
- Recruit and register camp participants;
- Promote camp with community and regional media;
- Liaise with community partners;
- Develop camp itinerary;
- Supervise camp participants during camp (24 hours a day);
- Help facilitate camp activities;
- Close down camp;
- Write final project report.

Requirements/Qualifications:

- One [1] year of university or college in a related field;
- Must be a Canadian citizen or legally entitled to work in Canada;
- Must be between the ages of 18 and 30;
- Must be a full-time student and intending to return to school in fall 2015;
- Is not a member of immediate family of community partner;

- Have an aptitude for safe work practices and the ability to multi-task in a busy work environment;
- Must be willing to provide Criminal Record Check;
- Experience working with youth and experience with conflict resolution;
- Be able to work productively as part of a team while responding to feedback;
- Demonstrates interest in future employment in the environmental or 'green' sector is considered an asset;
- Knowledge of Mi'kmaq culture and language is an asset.

If you are interested in this position please submit your cover letter and resume, merged into one document, via email to Morgan Book, mbook@clean.ns.ca by April 19, 2015. When applying for this Aboriginal Leadership Student position please identify the position title and community partner listed above in either your cover letter or resume. We appreciate all interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

We are an equal opportunity employer; however, qualified self-identifying Aboriginal applicants will be given priority for this position.

Clean is committed to Employment Equity and our goal is to be a diverse workforce that is representative at all job levels. We welcome applicants from Aboriginal People, Visible Minority Groups, Persons with Disabilities and Women in occupations of positions where they are under-represented. If you are a member of one of the equity groups, you are encouraged to self-identify on either your cover letter or resume.