

NICHOLAS SONNTAG MARINE EDUCATION CENTRE
GIBSONS, BC
SUMMER INTERPRETER/AQUARIST

Posting Dates: June- August 2019

Full time: (40 hours/week)

Wage: \$15.00/hr

***Hiring is subject to grant funding being received**

Successful candidate must be between 15-30 years old.

About the Nicholas Sonntag Marine Education Centre (NSMEC)

Are you under 30 years of age and interested in joining the interpretive/aquarist staff for our 2019 summer season? The NSMEC is community aquarium and marine education centre located in the picturesque town of Gibsons on the Sunshine Coast, BC. Our amazing location borders on the beautiful Howe Sound and Salish Sea.

Our mission is to inspire, educate and promote positive environmental behaviour through the delivery of our community and education programs, successful operation of our community aquarium and stewardship initiatives that sustain healthy Coastal life.

Our centre is located inside the Gibsons Public Market a multi-use building that houses 7 merchants, a restaurant and hosts a large variety of community-oriented programs and events.

During the summer months, we are open 6 days a week for visits from the public, private groups, camps and other special events.

We are a focused on educating the public about the local marine ecosystems of the Sunshine Coast. Individuals who work with us must value environmental stewardship and love the marine world. If you have the following qualifications and a willingness to learn, are enthusiastic, positive, motivated and team-oriented, we are looking for you to join our team!

Position Summary

As a NSMEC Interpreter, you will uphold our high level of one-to-one guest interaction by keeping visitors engaged and providing interpretive programs. As an NSMEC Aquarist, you will be part of a team responsible for maintaining the appearance and cleanliness of our exhibits, assisting with animal care and husbandry as directed by our animal health manager. You will assist with our summer camps. You will also be working with cash and admissions and provide support towards the NSMEC and the Public Market. The position reports to the NSMEC General Manager & Curator.

Job Duties

The typical job duties of an interpreter/aquarist may include:

- Greeting guests, taking admissions and handling cash;
- Providing one-on-one interpretive tours of exhibits;
- Assisting in summer camps
- Assisting NSMEC staff in developing and delivering interpretive programs;
- Assisting in maintaining exhibits and providing high quality animal care;
- Feeding animals (fish and invertebrates);

- Represent the NSMEC in the community at events
- Perform daily routine cleanliness to maintain the appearance of our facility building, interpretive panels, props and materials. This may include sweeping, mopping, washing, etc.
- Partake in animal collection field work
- Other tasks to support the marine education centre as required

Qualifications / Knowledge

- An interest and passion in, or are studying biological sciences, marine biology, environmental studies or related field
- Valid Driver's License, considered an asset
- Level 1 First Aid with CPR, considered an asset
- Knowledge of local intertidal and subtidal marine species and ecology, considered an asset
- SCUBA certification, considered an asset

Experience, Knowledge, Skills

- Excellent interpersonal communication skills
- Strong time management and organizational skills
- Creative, assertive, flexible and proactive in problem solving
- At least one season of interpretation experience considered an asset
- Supervisory experience such as with volunteers or other projects considered an asset
- Marine organism handling experience considered an asset
- Inspire guests to conserve our marine ecosystems through education and sustainable action
- Ability to lift 20kg and be able to sustain long days on your feet.

Terms & Conditions

- Hours per week: 40
- Term: Full time; Schedule will include weekends and evening work. Typical days off will be Mondays and Tuesdays
- Canada Summer Jobs requires applicant to be 15- 30 years old
- **Subject to receipt of project funding.**

Submit Application

Please send your resume and cover letter to: info@gibsonsmarine-ed.org

Thank you for your interest in the Nicholas Sonntag Marine Education Centre.