



## Summer Camp Volunteer Positions

### **ABOUT THE YES**

The YES (Youth Excellence Society) runs seven week-long cooperative leadership camps for teens at our site on Lake Cowichan. Teens from over 90 BC communities come to take part in these transformational programs focusing on building community, self-worth, resiliency, mental wellness and leadership skills. We offer interactive and games based programming in the areas of self-awareness, co-operation, communication, global awareness, environmental sustainability and leadership. YES programs emphasize the importance of integrity and inclusion through social emotional learning (SEL), outdoor education, and critical and creative thinking. We believe that all teens belong to communities of care and respect that nurture their capacity for excellence.

### **POSITION DETAILS**

1-7 week positions available from below dates:

*July 16 - 22 , July 23 - 29, July 30 - Aug 5, Aug 6 - 12, Aug 13 - 19, Aug 20 - 26 , Aug 27 - Sept 2*

This is a volunteer position. Honorariums are provided for certain positions and roles. Transportation to Cowichan Lake is provided, as well as meals and accommodations.

A great opportunity for anyone looking to work with teens, gain volunteer or work experience relating to child and youth care, recreation, education and/or outdoor education. If you're looking for practicum experience, volunteer hours, or a reference for school or work, talk to us!

The candidate will receive excellent training in facilitation, leadership, crisis response, and team building at our intensive 4-day overnight staff training from May 11-14 in North Vancouver. All costs associated with this training are covered by The YES. Additionally, all new staff will receive on the job training and mentorship from experienced YES facilitators.

### **POSITION SUMMARY**

We are looking for individuals that:

- Enjoy working with teens or are looking for work experience with 14-18 year olds
- Enjoy spending time in the outdoors and experiencing/facilitating outdoor education
- Are fun, empathetic, and responsible with the ability to work cooperatively with other staff
- Love to build communities of care
- Looking to make awesome networking connections with other volunteers of varied backgrounds
- Wanting to practice facilitation skills, public speaking, leadership, and gain skills in crisis counseling and active listening

Our volunteers will work together to prepare and lead a variety of programs and activities including sports, games, arts and crafts, and interactive leadership activities. Our goal is to create relationships with teenagers that allow them to feel confident, curious and recognize their strengths. Our camp takes place at Cowichan Lake on Vancouver Island.