

Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corps – Summer Intern

Number of Position(s) Available:	1
Location:	Chebucto Peninsula/St. Margaret's Bay, Nova Scotia
Position Status:	Temporary [June 30, 2014 – August 29, 2014]
Hours:	35 hours per week
Wage:	\$11.50/hour

The Clean Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that provides education-based programs and services to help people consider the environment in the choices they make. We offer a host of programs, services, and resources, focused in the areas of water stewardship, energy efficiency, waste reduction, and sustainable transportation. Founded in 1988, Clean is proud to provide leadership and knowledge in environmental best practices and sustainable development. We are currently seeking hardworking, dynamic, and motivated individuals to add to our Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corps (NSYCC) team for summer 2014 who have a strong passion for people and the environment. Our approach is always collaborative and team oriented.

Program Overview:

The NSYCC 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, increased knowledge for future employment and/or education ventures, program evaluation techniques, and the ability to give back to their community and their environment). This program hires 25-50 youth across the province each summer. Through positions with the NSYCC, successful candidates will benefit from knowledge and skill development in environmental education development and delivery, teamwork and leadership, public speaking and community outreach, and workplace safety training, including first aid, WHMIS, and Occupational Health & Safety.

Position Overview:

The community partner for this Summer Intern position through the NSYCC will be the St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association, reporting to Peter Lund, P. Geo, Water Resources Working Group. In this position, you will be mainly responsible for research; data collection, compilation, and interpretation; field investigations involving surface water sampling and flora/fauna visual surveys; report preparation and provide presentations to local public stakeholders. The successful candidate needs to be enrolled at University in a science program, able to work independently and in a team setting, have demonstrated computer skills to create mapping.

Community Partner:

The St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association is a non-profit organization of volunteers, run by a Board of Directors. Their primary purpose is to conduct scientific research on local

wildlife, plants, fish, streams, wetlands and sensitive environmental habitats of significance. This information is then used to provide municipal and provincial governments with evidence based information to be used in future decision making planning to ensure long term environmental sustainability.

The St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association is located in St. Margaret's Bay. It is in partnership with like-minded non-profit environmental organizations encompassing the Chebucto Peninsula, including the recently designated Provincial Wilderness Region. Partners include the Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust and the Woodens River Watershed Environmental Organization. Together, they created the Water Resources Working Group, who will be the prime group that students will report to.

Key Areas of Responsibility:

- Historical research and data collection on available surface water quality, wildlife, birds, plant, and fish from various information sources;
- Preparing watershed maps, with overlays of land uses and environmental habitats of significance;
- Undertaking field investigations involving stream surveys, surface water sampling using WET PRO field kits and for select chemical analyses, and surveying wildlife, vegetation, birds, fish and other environmental features of significance;
- Data compilation and interpretation;
- Report preparation;
- Organizing Workshops;
- Provide presentations to local environmental stakeholders;
- Attendance of mandatory NSYCC training at the start of the term as well as an end-of-summer debrief session.

Position Requirements/Qualifications:

- Must be a Canadian citizen or entitled to work in Canada;
- Must be between the ages of 15 and 30;
- Must be a full-time student and intending to return to school in fall 2014;
- 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;
- Be able to work independently and 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;
- Demonstrated computer skills (Microsoft, PowerPoint, mapping programs).

If you are a hardworking, dynamic, and motivated individual with a passion for people and the environment, please submit your cover letter and resume, merged into one document, via email to Morgan Book, nsycc@clean.ns.ca by midnight on June 8, 2014. **Please ensure that**



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you specify in the email which position you are applying for. We appreciate all interest however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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.