



BACK TO THE SEA

Science Communicator

Location: Dartmouth (Punamu'kwati'jk), Nova Scotia (Mi'kma'ki)

Position Status: Temporary, 9 weeks

Hours: Full-time [35 hours per week]

Wage: \$15.50/hour dependent on experience

Application deadline: April 1st, 2024 @ midnight

Who can apply: Youth between 15 and 30 years of age

The Back to the Sea Society is a charity dedicated to sparking curiosity for local marine life and inspiring a desire to protect our ocean. We run a variety of ocean based educational programs, including the Back to the Sea Centre, a small-scale marine interpretive centre located in Dartmouth (Punamu'kwati'jk) that abides by a collect-hold-and-release philosophy. We are looking for an enthusiastic, curious, and knowledgeable person who has a strong interest in ocean conservation to join our team and help advance our mission.

Summary of Position

Reporting to the Program Manager, you will be mainly responsible for leading a variety of educational initiatives and programs themed around the ocean and the animals that inhabit it. While these will mainly take place at the Back to the Sea Centre, you will also participate in external outreach events. The successful candidate needs to have previous experience leading programs for children (for example day camps, coaching a team, etc.). Knowledge of local intertidal species and spoken French are an asset. Candidate must be comfortable handling live marine invertebrates and capable of having their hands submerged in water that contains shellfish.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Deliver scientific interpretive programs for a wide range of audiences at the Back to the Sea Centre, including the general public, youth groups and persons with disabilities
- Welcome visitors, provide necessary information and maintain a high level of guest satisfaction through energetic interactions
- Lead and participate in the evaluation and improvement of group programs (e.g. day cares and day camps)
- Communicate animal handling protocols to guests
- Maintain appearance of building, information panels, hand-washing station, props and materials
- Assist with aquaristing and animal husbandry tasks
- Perform duties associated with opening and closing the Back to the Sea Centre
- Assist with the admissions process and gift shop sales
- Contribute to social media posts when necessary

- Attend and deliver high quality science interpretation at portable touch tank events
- Act as a Back to the Sea ambassador and help at our Society's fundraising events

Requirements/Qualifications

- Have an aptitude for safe work practices and the ability to multi-task in a busy work environment
- A positive attitude towards working productively as part of a team while responding to feedback
- Creative, assertive, flexible and proactive in problem solving
- At least one season of interpreter/informal educator experience (e.g. camp councillor, museum interpreter, coach for children's sports)
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills needed to converse with visitors and other organizations, however English does not need to be your first language
- The following are considered assets:
 - Spoken French
 - Knowledge of local intertidal and subtidal Atlantic marine life
 - Demonstrated interest in future employment in the environmental or clean sector
 - Standard First Aid training
 - Will be required to complete a Vulnerability Sector Check

Working Conditions

This position will require a mix of working from home and working on-site. Our team makes use of the Google suite (Chat, Meetings, and Drive) to ensure an organized and positive online working environment. Back to the Sea abides by a "Fun yet Professional" work culture and we love to celebrate wins! Candidate must be available to work weekends, holidays and occasional evenings.

Physical Requirements

This position requires standing for extended periods, having your hands in cold salt water on a daily basis and occasionally involves the lifting of heavy water buckets. It may also require walking along coastlines that may be somewhat rugged. The Back to the Sea Centre is wheelchair accessible. Should the chosen candidate have any disability that makes the standard nature of this position not possible, we will work with them to ensure that this position is accessible to them. Candidate must be comfortable handling live marine animals and capable of having their hands submerged in water containing shellfish.

Application Process

To apply, submit your cover letter, resume and two references in the form of a single pdf document to Magali Grégoire at backtotheseastaff@gmail.com. Applications must follow these guidelines or they will not be considered.

If you require any assistance with the application process, please contact us. Qualified applicants are welcome to send inquiries about the role to backtothesea.info@gmail.com or call 902-817-2007. While we will acknowledge the receipt of your application, only those selected for an interview will receive a second contact.

Back to the Sea is committed to Employment Equity and strives to have a workforce that is representative of the diversity of this country. We encourage applicants from Indigenous People, Visible Minority Groups, Persons with Disabilities, People of the LGBTQ+ community and Women to occupy positions where they are underrepresented. It is the responsibility of every team member of Back to the Sea to embrace a culture that promotes diversity.

Back to the Sea works in the traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq.