



Spring Break Camp Assistants

Volunteer Position Description

Organizational Profile:

The Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association, a registered charitable organization, delivers educational programs and Garden projects at VanDusen Botanical Garden, a 55-acre botanical garden and Bloedel Conservatory, a domed, lush tropical rainforest paradise in the heart of Vancouver. As Vancouver's 'green heart,' we help to protect the globe's biodiversity while acting as an oasis of calm in a busy city, providing a place for people to connect with nature and find peace in a world of plants and beauty.

Purpose:

Spring Break Camp volunteers assist Camp Leaders to prepare and conduct outdoor, hands-on, activity-based camps at VanDusen Botanical Garden. Camp programs are designed to foster inquiry, discovery, understanding and appreciation for nature, and the importance of plants in our lives.

Responsibilities:

- Assist Camp Leaders to conduct nature-based activities for groups of children aged 5-10
- Assist Camp Leaders in providing a fun, welcoming, safe, and secure environment for all campers
- Assist in preparing and cleaning up from the day's activities

Skills, Attitudes, Knowledge Required:

- A love of nature and respect for the environment, eager to spend time outdoors in any weather
- loves working with children aged 5-10, experience working with children is an asset
- Patient, positive, flexible, fun-loving, and enjoys working in a team
- Comfortable standing, walking, and kneeling throughout the shift
- Must pass a criminal record background check (free for volunteers)

Volunteer Benefits:

- An opportunity to inspire and educate children
- Enhance leadership, group management, and interpretive skills
- Opportunity to work with educational professionals in a well-respected non-profit
- Contribute your time and talents in an impactful way for a worthwhile cause
- Learn about nature including ecology, botany, sustainability, gardening, and more

Time Commitment:

Spring Break camp operates for 9 days at the end of March. Daily camp themes vary.

Volunteers can choose from the following (at minimum):

- Work EVERY morning or afternoon **from 8:45am-12:30pm** or **12:15-4:15pm** for one week
- Work two full days of camp from **8:45am-4:15pm**

Training and Orientation:

- A mandatory training session will take place mid-March from 4:30pm to 7:00 pm.

Supervisory Relationships/liaison: Candidate will be supervised by, and liaise with, the camp leaders, the Youth Programs Coordinator, and the Director of Education.

Authority/Decision Making: Guidance and problem solving involving children requires direct supervision from camp leaders.

To Apply: Please email your resume and cover letter to Chantal Martin at cmartin@vandusen.org