

# Youth Volunteer Program at the Fraser River Discovery Centre

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Summer Camp Assistant, Public Programs Assistant

Volunteering at the Fraser River Discovery Centre (FRDC) is educational, rewarding, and fun! You'll engage with learners of all ages and help inspire stewards of the river through our interactive programs. This program gives youth the opportunity to gain valuable volunteer work experience, develop leadership skills, and complete volunteer hours for graduation.

## Volunteer Position 1: Summer Camp Assistant

Under the direction of the FRDC Education team, you will perform a range of duties at the FRDC, all designed to connect summer campers with the Fraser River Basin!

### Responsibilities:

- Provide campers with a fun, interactive, and memorable experience.
- Assist with summer camp activity preparation and set-up.
- Facilitate/lead summer camp activities.

### Time Commitment:

- Summer Camp volunteers are required to complete a minimum of 60 hours over the course of 8 weeks (from July to August).

## Volunteer Position 2: Public Programs Assistant

Under the direction of the Volunteer Coordinator and Public Engagement Manager, you will facilitate interactive public programs geared towards children and families.

### Responsibilities:

- Enhance visitors' experience with registered or drop-in public programs.
- Lead visitors in interactive learning activities.
- Engage with the community and promote the FRDC's role in connecting people to the Fraser River.

### Time Commitments:

- Public Program Volunteers are required to complete at least 80 hours from September to June. You can choose the days you volunteer, as we understand that flexibility is important to achieve school/life balance.

### **General Volunteer Requirements:**

- Must be 15 years of age or older.
- Must be able to have signed permission to volunteer from a parent/guardian.
- A desire to work with children and families.
- Must be able to participate in an in-person interview.
- Must complete volunteer orientation prior to the first shift.
- Must be able to commit to the volunteer shifts/hours stated for the chosen position.

### **General Volunteer Benefits:**

- Free admission to the FRDC over the course of your placement.
- Gain work experience to add to your resume!
- After successfully completing your volunteer service, you can request a Letter of Reference and Proof of Completion Letter which states your total hours volunteered.
- Candidates who successfully complete the program may be invited to apply for a paid position in the summer following their placement. Paid summer jobs are dependent on grant funding. These paid positions are also highly competitive, and we receive many more applications than we have positions available.

### **Additional Volunteer Information:**

- Applicants can fill out an application form: <https://www.jotform.com/80456857168267> or email the Education Manager: [volunteer@fraserriverdiscovery.org](mailto:volunteer@fraserriverdiscovery.org)
- Dress code during a volunteer shift is business casual. The FRDC can provide volunteer shirts, or volunteers may choose to wear a navy t-shirt or sweatshirt. Nametags will be provided for each volunteer.
- All volunteer shifts will take place at the Fraser River Discovery Centre; 788 Quayside Drive, New Westminster, BC, Canada, V3M 6Z6.

For more information, please visit <https://fraserriverdiscovery.org/becomeavolunteer/>