



## **Interested in joining the interpretive/aquarist staff for our 2018 summer season?**

June to August 2018

Full time: (40 hours/week)

Wage: \$15.00/hr

\*Candidate must be returning to post-secondary program in fall 2018 and be between 15-30 years old

### **About the Nicholas Sonntag Marine Education Centre (the Centre)**

The Centre is a small catch and release aquarium located in the picturesque town of Gibsons on the Sunshine Coast. We are a stone's throw from iconic Howe Sound, Sechelt Inlet and the Skookumchuck Rapids supporting a rich diversity of marine life. The aquarium is located at the Gibsons Public Market. During the summer months, we are open six days a week for visits from the public, private groups, camps and other special events. Our facility is comprised of 30 marine habitats including 2 touch tanks and a large 14ft "signature" tank.

We are focused on educating the public about the local marine ecosystems of the Sunshine Coast. Individuals who work with us must value environmental stewardship and love of the marine world. If you have the following qualifications and a willingness to learn, are enthusiastic, positive, motivated and team-oriented, we are looking for you to join our team!

### **Position Summary**

As an NSMEC Interpreter, you will uphold our high level of one-to-one guest interaction by keeping visitors engaged and providing interpretive programs. As a Centre Aquarist, you will be part of a team responsible for maintaining the appearance and cleanliness of our exhibits, assisting with animal care and husbandry as directed by our Animal Health Manager. You will also be working with cash and admissions and provide support for the NSMEC and the Public Market. The position reports to the General Manager + Curator.

### **Job Duties**

- Greeting guests, taking admissions and handling cash
- Providing one-on-one tours of exhibits
- Assisting NSMEC staff in developing interpretive programs
- Delivering interpretive programs
- Assisting in maintaining exhibits with live specimens to high standards for animal care
- Feeding animals (fish and invertebrates)
- Representing the NSMEC at special events in the community

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### **Job Duties (con't)**

- Perform daily routine cleanliness to maintain the appearance of our facility building, interpretive panels, props and materials
- Partake in animal collection field work
- Other duties as required.

### **Qualifications**

- Currently enrolled in post-secondary education in an applicable field such as biological science, marine biology, environmental studies
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills
- Strong time management and organizational skills
- Creative, assertive, flexible and proactive in problem solving
- At least one season of interpretation experience considered an asset
- Supervisory experience such as with volunteers or other projects considered an asset
- Marine organism handling experience considered an asset
- Inspire guests to conserve our marine ecosystems through education and sustainable action
- Ability to lift 20kg and be able to sustain long days on your feet
- Valid Driver's License

### **Assets to be Considered**

- Level 1 First Aid with CPR
- Knowledge of local intertidal and subtidal marine species and ecology
- SCUBA certification

Please send your résumé and cover letter to: [info@gibsonsmarine-ed.org](mailto:info@gibsonsmarine-ed.org)