

RDCO Job Description



Position Title:	Indigenous Park Interpreter (Student)	Division:	Parks Services
Reports To:	Supervisor of Community Relations and Visitor Services	Date:	May 4, 2018

Job Purpose/Summary:

This position will play an integral role in developing interpretive content that showcases shareable aspects of Okanagan syilx language, culture, history, and traditional knowledge for park programs, signage, public exhibits and events, and other RDCO Parks initiatives. The Indigenous Park Interpreter (Student) will develop and deliver interpretive programs, trail signage, and cultural interpretation opportunities that share Okanagan syilx culture, history, language, and traditional knowledge with visitors and the public as they relate to our regional parks system which is located on unceded syilx territory. Youth in this position will also have the opportunity to develop a document in consultation with Westbank First Nation to determine which aspects of their culture they can share with regional district staff and the public so that we can enrich our existing program base to showcase our local syilx heritage. Flexibility with work schedule, including weekend and occasional evening work, is required of this position to meet program demands.

Principal Accountabilities:

1. In collaboration with the Environmental Educator, assist in the development of interpretive signage and trail names for Regional Parks, EECO exhibits, and other communication that will incorporate syilx language, culture, history, and traditional knowledge.
2. In partnership with Regional Parks and Westbank First Nation assist in the creation of unique programs for the public and school groups that showcase the syilx (to be delivered by syilx interpreters).
3. Offer indigenous perspective, programming, and interpretation at special events such as kikinee Salmon Festival, Welcome the Kokanee at Hardy Falls, Go Fish, volunteer trail building days, and more.
4. In partnership with Regional Parks and Westbank First Nation assist in the development and delivery of drop-in Point Duties in various regional parks that showcase syilx language, culture, knowledge.
5. In partnership with Regional Parks and Westbank First Nation assist in the development and delivery of guided hikes with a syilx perspective.
6. Assist in the education of Park Interpreters and other parks staff about their understanding and knowledge of syilx language, culture and history and how to enhance inclusion into existing programming.
7. In partnership with Regional Parks and Westbank First Nation assist in enhancing the RDCO Parks website with syilx content (sound recordings, trail names, descriptions).
8. Other duties as assigned.

Knowledge, Skills & Experience

Educational Background Required:

- Between 18 and 30 years of age;
- Enrolled in high school or a post-secondary educational program in fall 2018;
- Valid BC Driver's License with a record of safe driving;
- Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector clearance

Experience Required:

- Good understanding and knowledge of Indigenous culture, in particular syilx;
- Demonstrated ability to write, design, and create educational materials, using various types of digital media;
- Strong written and verbal communication skills;
- Organized and self started;
- Ability to work with minimal supervision;
- Ability to traverse and work in outdoor environments

Working Conditions:

Physical Effort: low to high physical effort while working and traversing parks.

Physical Environment: Office and field with exposure to all weather conditions.

Mental Stress: Multiple projects, working and communicating with groups of people including children. Flexible working times including evenings and weekends is required.

Sensory Attention: Must be aware of physical surroundings and conscious of the safety of groups of people including children.