Employment Opportunity: Science Education Interpreter, Bonne Bay Marine Station

The Bonne Bay Marine Station in beautiful Gros Morne National Park is a marine education/research facility operated by Memorial University (www.bonnebay.mun.ca). The sea-life aquarium at this facility attracts over 10,000 visitors each summer.

The Oceans Learning Partnership (OLP) is a non-profit organization (www.coastalexplorers.net) that brings together stakeholders in ocean education to increase awareness of the marine environment and to offer hands-on educational programming for K-12 students at our partner sites, including at the Bonne Bay Marine Station.

The mandate of Parks Canada is to protect and present nationally significant examples of Canada's natural and cultural heritage and foster public understanding, appreciation and enjoyment in ways that ensure their ecological and commemorative integrity for present and future generations.

Together, our organizations are seeking to hire one (1) dynamic, energetic, enthusiastic, and knowledgeable individual to join the team as a Science Education Interpreter leading outreach, to help us meet this goal of sparking interest and understanding of the local coastal environment.

Position: Science Education Interpreter, Outreach
Location: Bonne Bay Marine Station, Gros Morne National Park
Employment Status: One full-time, seasonal position (Anticipated dates May 9-Sept 1. *Funding dependent)
Hours of Work: 40 hours per week. Weekend work will be required.
Compensation: $13.15/hour; accommodations included at Bonne Bay Marine Station.
Who can apply: Applicants must be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with provincial legislation and regulations. As the position is funded through a number of summer student programs, applicants must be registered for a post-secondary program and returning to studies in September 2018, and under the age of 30.

Summary of Position:

Do you enjoy talking to people? Do you love the outdoors and coastal environment and want to share your knowledge with others? Are you interested in informal science education? Do you want to spend your summer living and working in beautiful Bonne Bay? We have an opportunity for you!

We are seeking an enthusiastic, friendly, and knowledgeable individual who can engage and educate school groups and the visiting public about the coastal and marine environment in the Gros Morne region. Your main role would be to work with the Bonne Bay Marine Station (Memorial University), Parks Canada, and the Oceans Learning Partnership team to lead program delivery to schools and the visiting public, as well as to contribute to new program development, outreach events, and social media.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Guide and deliver engaging ocean education programs to school groups and the public at Bonne Bay Marine Station, at Lobster Cove Head, and nearby locations.
- Deliver outreach programming (travelling touch tank) to schools.
- Interpret natural world for variety of groups with a focus on the intertidal and subtidal marine life and Bonne Bay ecosystem.
• Help to ensure safety of groups at all times.
• Carefully use scientific equipment and/or ocean technology and demonstrate use to visitors; ensure proper care and maintenance of equipment.
• Employ proper and gentle animal handling practices, and communicate these to visitors (i.e. at the touch tank).
• Represent the three organizations (Bonne Bay Marine Station, Oceans Learning Partnership and Parks Canada) at special events.
• Contribute to development of new programming.
• Contribute to social media outreach.

Qualifications/Skills:
• Must have excellent interpersonal communication skills.
• Education in biological science, marine biology, zoology, education, or similar preferred.
• Experience in interpretation, leading groups of students, or similar experience (please specify in cover letter).
• Knowledge of local intertidal and subtidal marine life or willingness to learn.
• Be comfortable working on water.
• Be comfortable handling and caring for marine life.
• Experience leading projects, taking initiative and meeting deadlines.
• Comfortable with a flexible schedule.
• Ability to live on-site in shared staff housing at Bonne Bay Marine Station for May to August period.
• Must be willing to wear staff shirt and meet dress code requirements while working in the Park.
• Currently have or willing to obtain Standard First Aid certification.
• Required to have valid Drivers License and access to own vehicle.

Please submit cv with cover letter and references by email to:
Allison Eaton, Manager, Bonne Bay Marine Station
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Applications must be received by 11:59pm, March 2, 2018.
We thank all who apply, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.