

Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corps

Summer Student Intern

Position Title:	Species at Risk Field and Community Assistant
Number of Positions:	1
Location:	Wildcat, Nova Scotia (South Brookfield)
Position Status:	Temporary, 9 weeks [June 27 – August 26, 2016]
Hours:	Full-time [35 hours per week]
Wage:	\$11.50/hour

The Clean Nova Scotia Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization that started in 1988. We work in vital environmental areas like energy, water, transportation and waste. The Clean Foundation provides the knowledge, tools and inspiration needed to encourage the individual actions that add up to positive environmental change. We partner with individual citizens, governments, organizations, communities and businesses to find environmental solutions.

You may know us as Clean Nova Scotia, but we work across Atlantic Canada, throughout the traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik. Our local roots are going global, exploring how our knowledge and experience can be used in other countries, including nations in the developing world. That's why we say we're just *Clean*.

We are currently seeking a hardworking, dynamic and motivated individual to add to our Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corps (NSYCC) team for summer 2016, who has a strong passion for people and the environment. Our approach is always collaborative and team oriented.

Program Overview:

The NSYCC program was established in 1989 to provide Nova Scotian youth with training and employment opportunities in the environmental field. This program engages community partners across the province to hire students to carry out work that enhances the local environment through the summer months. The NSYCC provides Nova Scotian youth with environmental work experience, an enhanced appreciation of the environment and their community, and develops skills for life-long learning including, team-building and leadership skills, public speaking and community outreach, increased knowledge for future employment and/or education ventures, program evaluation techniques, the ability to give back to their community and their environment, and workplace safety training, including first aid, WHMIS, and Occupational Health & Safety.

Position Overview:

The community partner for this Summer Student Intern position through the Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corps (NSYCC) will be Acadia First Nation, reporting to Sarah Jerney or Shalan Joudry. In this position, you will be mainly responsible for monitoring species at risk and their habitats, protecting them, researching more about them through field surveys, reading, and speaking with community. You will also be creating community and youth awareness events or programs. The successful candidate needs to have knowledge of Mi'kmaw culture and history; desire and willingness to learn about ecology and species at risk; be able to work independently or with a team; and have good communication skills. The Species at Risk Field and Community Assistant may be required to work a full day outdoors in adverse weather conditions (such as insects, rainy/wet, walking through thick brush conditions), walking long distances and lifting heavy gear.

About the Community Partner:

Acadia is one of 13 Mi'kmaw communities in Nova Scotia with unique geographical composition that spreads through the Southwestern regions of Nova Scotia spanning five counties from Yarmouth to Halifax. Acadia First Nation encompasses five (5) reserves - Yarmouth, Ponhook, Medway, Wildcat and Gold River. Additionally, Acadia First Nation has separate land holdings in Gardner's Mill and Hammonds Plains. These lands boast the intrinsic beauty that Nova Scotia has to offer with lakes, rivers, resources and cultural significance.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Conduct field work monitoring species and habitats for the Eastern Ribbonsnake, Blandings' Turtle, Wood Turtle, rare plants, Chimney Swifts, bats, Monarch Butterflies, Common Nighthawks, and Black Ash
- Interview/speak with community members and Elders about their stories about the species or habitats
- Enhance butterfly garden, bat boxes and other species nest boxes or habitat areas
- Build and set habitat information and protection signs
- Monitor and clean-out brook passageways
- Test water quality of surrounding watershed
- Survey lands for Black Ash
- Facilitate community and youth workshops or awareness events

Requirements/Qualifications:

- Must be a Canadian citizen or entitled to work in Canada;
- Must be between the ages of 15 and 30;
- Must be a full-time student and intending to return to school in fall 2016;
- Is not a member of immediate family of community partner;
- Have an aptitude for safe work practices and the ability to multi-task in a busy work environment;
- Be able to work productively as part of a team while responding to feedback;
- Demonstrates interest in future employment in the environmental or 'green' sector is considered an asset;

If you are interested in this position please submit your cover letter and resume, merged into one document, via email to Morgan Book, mbook@clean.ns.ca by May 30, 2016. When applying for this NSYCC Summer Student Intern position please identify the position title and community partner listed above in either your cover letter or resume.

We ask that you do not apply for more than five (5) Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corps (NSYCC) Summer Student Intern positions; if you apply to more than one (1) job posting please send separate applications for each position.

We appreciate all interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Clean is committed to Employment Equity and our goal is to be a diverse workforce that is representative at all job levels. We welcome applicants from Aboriginal People, Visible Minority Groups, Persons with Disabilities and Women in occupations of positions where they are under-represented. If you are a member of one of the equity groups, you are encouraged to self-identify on either your cover letter or resume.