

JOB POSTING – SEASONAL/SUMMER INTERPRETER

Dates: April/May to end August/start Sep 2018
Duration of Position: 4 months (with potential for FT/PT extension)
Hours: 35-40 hours per week, 5 days per week, weekend work and Stat days required
Wage: \$15.00 per hour
Application Process: Cover letter and resume emailed to Deron Johnston (djohnston@bcm.ca)

About the Museum

The Britannia Mine Museum is governed by the Britannia Mine Museum Society. This Society is a charitable non-profit organization, established to preserve the material and social history of mining in British Columbia, and to educate the public about the role of mining and mined materials in our lives, the history of Britannia Beach and of the changing face of the modern mining industry. The organization is financially self-sustaining; it receives no government funding and relies on revenues, grants and donations for its operating costs.

We currently see around 76,000 visitors a year – 40% of these in July and August. Our visitors come from both local and tourism sectors, and we attract all ages. Approximately 25% of our visitors are international tourists. We offer public (i.e. not pre-booked) and booked tours, as well as value added public programming activities and events. In 2017, we hosted around 11,000 school students. Our most popular school programs explore modern natural resource extraction and earth science topics.

Duties and Responsibilities

As a Summer Interpreter, you will be responsible for:

- Delivery of public tours which entails tunnel tour, Mill building and gold panning
- Acting as on site ambassadors to greet, assist and engage visitors on site. This may include roaming interpretation, or assisting visitors in their activities on site, e.g. how to gold pan, or engaging them whilst they wait for their underground tour
- Committing to learning and understanding Britannia and mining history
- Assisting with the completion of daily and weekly chores to ensure excellent standards and good first impressions are met
- Contributing to weekly Front of House staff meetings to ensure good communication throughout summer

Qualifications Required and/or Preferred

The Britannia Mine Museum is looking for energetic, outgoing individuals who enjoys working with people. As a Summer Interpreter you play a key role in helping to ensure our 76,000 annual visitors have an engaging, informative and memorable visit to the Museum. The Museum is designated a National Historic Site. We strive to offer an enjoyable experience that furthers understanding about mining in BC and tells the story of a community with a fascinating history.

The position is ideal for students who have completed at least one year of study.

The Ideal Candidate

- You enjoy interacting with people of all ages
- You have excellent communication skills - can adjust your presentation to suit the understanding of the group (e.g. children, international visitors)
- You're a team player, dependable and know the importance of time management
- You have the ability to do some physical work and to work outside in the elements
- You have an interest in history, geology, education, mining or environmental issues

What this Position Offers

By working at the Britannia Mine Museum as a Summer Interpreter, you will gain invaluable experience in public speaking, and your confidence is certain to grow significantly. The Museum in summer is a fast paced environment, where you will have the opportunity to meet people from all around the world. If you are interested in the arts, heritage or tourism sectors, you will receive first-hand experience of how a popular tourism attraction operates, and how a National Historic Site and museum values and cares for its heritage.

Britannia Mine Museum is an equal opportunities employer.

The Location

The Britannia Mine Museum is situated in the small community of Britannia Beach, approximately a 10-15 minute drive south of Squamish and approximately 30-40 minutes north of the North Shore. There is no public transit to Britannia Beach and therefore students must either find accommodation in Britannia Beach, have their own transportation or arrange carpooling. There are carpooling options (i.e. commuting with other staff) from Squamish and North/West Vancouver.

Accommodation in Britannia Beach and Squamish is limited. We recommend that students research or consider accommodation and transportation options before making an application for the position.

Questions

Contact: Deron Johnston (Operations Manager) djohnston@bcomm.ca or Diane Mitchell (Curator) dmitchell@bcomm.ca or phone 1-800-896-4044