

JOB POSTING - SUMMER INTERPRETER

Dates: April/May to end August/start Sep 2019
Duration of Position: 4 months
Hours: 35-40 hours per week, 5 days per week, weekend work and Stat days required
Wage: \$15.50 per hour (with opportunity for retention bonus)
Application Deadline: April 12, 2019
Application Process: Resume emailed to Diane Mitchell (dmitchell@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 75,000 visitors a year – 40% of these in summer. 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 2018, we hosted around 10,000 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/underground experience, including some pre-booked groups
 - Act as host for Museum's newest multimedia attraction in Mill 3, including crowd control, show control operation, show introduction and visitor egress
 - 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's mining history
 - Assisting with the completion of daily and weekly chores to ensure excellent standards and good first impressions are met
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- Contributing to weekly Front of House staff meetings to ensure good communication throughout summer

The Ideal Candidate

The Britannia Mine Museum is looking for energetic, outgoing students who enjoys working with people and are **already comfortable with public speaking**. As a Summer Interpreter you play a key role in helping to ensure our 75,000 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 and engaging experience that furthers understanding about our relationship with natural resources while telling the story of a community with a fascinating history.

In May 2019 we launch the Mill Experience, a multimedia show designed to bring the iconic Mill 3 'back to life'. This launch is likely to bring both successes and challenges as the organization rolls out its newest, biggest attraction. We therefore are seeking individuals who are adaptable, reliable and are good team players.

- 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 are 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 enhance your existing public speaking skills. 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 and engagement on content with its visitors.

Note: We are hiring more than one Summer Interpreter; some of the positions will dependent upon grant funding. All applicants must be grant eligible, i.e. a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, be under 30 years of age at time of hire and be returning to studies in the Fall.

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 generally carpooling options (i.e. commuting with other staff) from Squamish and North/West Vancouver, though this cannot be guaranteed.

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

Questions

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