

SENIOR SUMMER CAMP COUNSELLOR

Organization: Leighton Art Centre

Location: 282027 144 Street W, Foothills, AB, T1S 0Y4

Type: Full time (35 hours/week)

Duration: Seasonal (10 weeks, approximately late June – late August)

Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Wage: \$18 per hour

Job Description: Leighton Art Centre is seeking an energetic, flexible, adaptable, and organized person who can successfully navigate diverse responsibilities within our unique organization.

The Senior Summer Camps Counsellors will deliver art and nature-based summer camps at Leighton Art Centre for 500 children and youth from the Foothills and Calgary region. These individuals will be experienced leaders who operate with composure, creativity, and stamina. Under the direction of the Summer Camps Education Program Coordinator and Public Programs Manager, they will focus on high-quality, safe, day-to-day camp delivery.

Responsibilities:

- Serve as positive team members and role models for campers, Junior Counsellors, and volunteers.
- Participate in the delivery of Summer Camps (July and August), contributing ideas for age-appropriate art and nature activities, games, and reflection exercises.
- Provide day to day supervision of camp groups, ensuring that planned curriculum and activities are delivered consistently, safely, and on time.
- Guide summer camp participants through fun, safe, and educational art and nature experiences in both indoor studio spaces and outdoor environments (fields, trails, and lookout areas) on site.
- Lead and support group transitions between activities, snack and lunch times, and outdoor exploration, ensuring that all campers are accounted for and engaged.
- Build strong communication skills by working as part of a staff team, co-leading activities, and greeting campers and parents/guardians each morning and afternoon with basic information about camp routines and daily highlights.

- Be responsible for organizing and cleaning art studios and shared spaces for daily activities, including setting up materials before camp, supporting safe use of tools and supplies, and tidying/cleaning at the end of each day.
- Monitor camper behaviour and safety, using positive behaviour strategies and promptly documenting and reporting any incidents, injuries, or concerns to the Summer Camps Education Program Coordinator or Public Programs Manager.
- Help enrich campers' lives and connections to each other through experiences that weave together art-making, local history, and the natural environment.
- Assist in hosting a youth art exhibit at the end of each week by helping campers select and display their work, welcoming parents/guardians, and supporting short group sharing or tours of the artwork.
- Support transportation, safety, and staffing logistics during Summer Camps, including check-in and check-out procedures, head counts, and the use of muster points during drills or actual emergencies.

Qualifications/Requirements:

- A passion for art, nature, and education.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills, particularly with children and students.
- Experience in teaching, education, or working with youth.
- Ability to adapt to changing schedules and diverse groups of students.
- Self-motivated, creative, and enthusiastic about fostering a love for art and nature.
- A valid driver's license.
- As this position is supported through Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ), candidates must meet all CSJ eligibility criteria. Applicants must: be between 15 and 30 years of age at the beginning of the employment period; be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act for the duration of the employment; and, have a valid Social Insurance Number at the start of employment and be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations. More information here: <https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/esdc-edsc/documents/services/funding/canada-summer-jobs/canada-summer-jobs-applicant-guide.pdf>.

Benefits:

- Flexible school year hours to accommodate your academic schedule.
- Immersive summer camp experience with full-time hours in June, July, and August.

- Opportunity to work in a unique and inspiring environment.
- Gain valuable experience in education, art, and nature interpretation.
- Develop skills in client services, teamwork, communication, leadership and problem solving.

This position is ideal for students or individuals who are passionate about art and nature education, and who are looking to make a positive impact on young minds while enjoying the scenic beauty of Leighton Art Centre. The location is rural, so a reliable vehicle is required.

To apply, please submit your resume, cover letter, and references to Coreen Thornhill, Manager, Public Programs via email: education@leightoncentre.org.

Leighton Art Centre is an equal opportunity employer. We encourage applications from individuals of all backgrounds and experiences who meet the CSJ eligibility requirements. We thank all applicants for their interest, please note that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Application Deadline: May 1, 2026