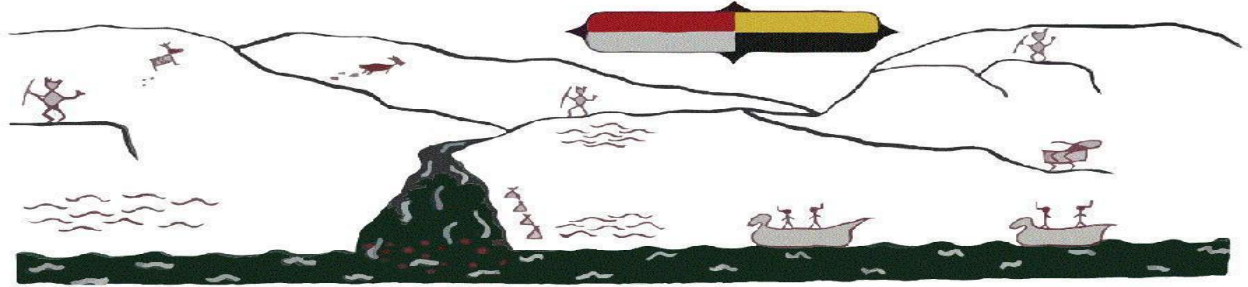


Kanaka Bar Indian Band



JOB DESCRIPTION

Position:	Early Childhood Food and Cultural Engagement Facilitator
Organization:	Kanaka Bar Indian Band
Department:	Food Self-Sufficiency
Reporting:	Food Self-Sufficiency Lead

Summary:

Kanaka Bar Indian Band has a vision to manage and use its land and resources to maintain a self-sufficient, sustainable and vibrant community. As Kanaka Bar's food self-sufficiency programs continue to grow and develop, the community is seeking individuals with a passion for sustainable food production and indigenous food sovereignty to help realize this vision. With this posting, Kanaka Bar is inviting applicants for the position of Early Childhood Food and Cultural Engagement Facilitator. For more information on the community, please review the rest of our website at:

<http://www.kanakabarband.ca/>.

The Early Childhood Food and Cultural Engagement Facilitator is an exciting new position aimed at building young children's education and awareness of traditional and cultivated food and culture. This role will build upon the successful candidates skills in Early Childhood Education and program development through the creation of youth-oriented programming and events. This role will also contribute to and support the various food production and community engagement initiatives of the Food Self-Sufficiency programs at Kanaka Bar. The successful candidate will work independently, with guidance and direction from the Food Self-Sufficiency Lead. The Early Childhood Food and Cultural Engagement Facilitator is responsible for developing programs that support knowledge transfer between knowledge keepers and elders, youth and their families. A key function of the Early Childhood Food and Cultural Engagement Facilitator will be to engage and educate youth from Kanaka Bar and surrounding communities on local and traditional food self-sufficiency initiatives, while fostering a connection to the land and traditional knowledge. They will be responsible for supporting program development and delivery, reporting, online knowledge sharing and communications. Daily tasks will include design and delivery of programs and lessons, promoting community garden and traditional food events and initiatives, and assisting with farm and garden tasks as required. Some degree of Early Childhood Education is required. Previous experience with community engagement and event coordination will be an asset, but is not necessary for success in this role. Candidates who are passionate about intergenerational knowledge transfer, ethical farming, food security and climate change resilience are encouraged to apply.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Contribute to the development of lesson plans and program curriculum directed towards children under six, that are related to Kanaka Bar's Food Self Sufficiency initiatives and local food production, traditional food crops, harvesting, and foraging practices.
- Work with local food experts, Elders, knowledge keepers and FSS garden leads to prepare lesson plans
- Coordinate food training, mentoring and engagement events, both virtual and in-person
- Document food training and mentoring learnings and results
- Promote and contribute to the production of local garden crops, animal products, traditional foods and food processing techniques
- Monitor and record community food harvesting and engagement
- Other duties as assigned.

Education and Qualifications:

- Experience in Early Childhood Education and working with youth
- Ability to share knowledge and promote community engagement with food self-sufficiency initiatives and local food production
- Ability to connect and effectively communicate with diverse individuals and marginalized groups
- Ability to support with gardening, landscaping, harvesting, and food cultivation tasks
- Ability to work within an accountable team structure
- A passion for ethical farming, community food security and climate change resilience
- Knowledge and understanding of First Nations culture and heritage
- Ability to use email and Microsoft Office suite
- Previous communications and event coordination experience is an asset

Employment Conditions:

- Must undergo a Criminal Record Check
- Follow policies and procedures of Kanaka Bar Indian Band
- Ability to maintain a healthy lifestyle
- Willingness to work extra hours to meet deadlines
- Willingness to respond to critical incidents outside of work hours
- Three months probationary period.

This will be a part-time position based out of Kanaka Bar. Compensation will consider the education, qualification and experience of the applicant. Canada Labor Code provisions will govern where applicable.

Thank you for your interest in supporting Kanaka Bar with achieving its vision.