



Camp Fircom Society

Of the United Church of Canada

2776 Semlin Drive,
Vancouver, BC V5N 4R6
604-662-7756

info@campfircom.bc.ca
www.campfircom.bc.ca

Job Title:	<i>Counsellor In Training Director</i>
Salary Band:	<i>Term Contract</i>
Reports To:	<i>Summer Camp & Outdoor Schools Manager</i>
Contract Date:	<i>June 26th – August 11th</i>
Compensation:	<i>Commensurate with experience, certifications, etc. (Food, accommodation & water taxi provided)</i>

Job Purpose

The CIT Director helps to fulfill the mission, goals and objectives of Camp Fircom Society and the United Church of Canada through the preparation, implementation and evaluation of the Counsellor In Training program. The program itself has been designed with a focus on further development of leadership, team-building and program facilitation skills, and seeks to support older youth in their development of the skills necessary for future work with Camp Fircom and/or community-minded programs in the broader community. As such, the CIT Director is expected to use their experience and knowledge to train these future leaders, providing support, supervision and critical feedback while upholding and imparting the standards espoused by Camp Fircom Society.

Working Scope

Reporting to the Summer Camp & Outdoor Schools Manager, the CIT Director provides leadership to Camp Fircom's youth programs and services, assuring delivery of high-quality experiences for youth & young-adults.

This position focuses on building upon and further developing the fundamentals of good leadership and works to strengthen group & individual skills in a wilderness, camp & community setting. Building and maintaining relationships is a major role for the CIT Director, ensuring that youth campers, their families, delivery partners and the community are informed of the opportunities, benefits and direction of the CIT summer program and it's role in the larger success of Camp Fircom's goals and objectives. Success in the position will be measured by positive outcomes in staff training, integration of the CIT program into Camp Fircom's summer operations, program delivery, maintained participant safety and level of youth engagement.

Duties and Responsibilities

The CIT Director will provide direct and indirect leadership to all aspects of CIT operations and programs including, but not limited to:

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT

- Direct, plan, organize, implement, monitor and evaluate the delivery of all CIT programs and activities including:
 - Program development, planning and reporting
 - Communication with youth and parents
 - Formal and informal data collection and reporting to ensure program integrity and youth and staff well-being
 - Monitoring objectives and outcomes to meet needs of funders and regularly reporting on effectiveness and recommendations for change
 - Maintaining and monitoring Health and Safety, all standards of practice, accreditation and risk management
 - Ensuring positive youth experiences through that reflect the mission and values of Camp Fircom Society

Current camp program responsibilities include:

- CIT Prep
- Pre-Camp Staff Training
- The CIT summer program operation

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

- Development and supervision of human resource needs including:
 - Participating in a comprehensive staff training program prior to the beginning of camp
 - Will offer their expertise and guidance to all summer camp staff where appropriate and facilitate [a] session(s) during staff training on the CIT program or related content relevant to summer staff
 - Ensuring relevant documentation and certifications are in order according to Fircom policies and BCCA's standards
 - Ensuring you are familiar with camp policies and procedures
 - Monitoring and evaluating the 2017 CIT program and completing a season-end report on successes and difficulties associated with the program.
 - Will be subject to check-ins and performance evaluation by the Summer Camp & Outdoor Schools Manager

INTERNAL RELATIONSHIPS

- This position reports directly to the Summer Camp & Outdoor Schools Manager and subsequently the Executive Director
- Informs the Summer Camp & Outdoor Schools Manager of issues affecting the development and delivery of CIT programs
- Works effectively and respectfully as a member of Fircom's senior team.
- Represents Camp Fircom Society and United Church Camps on program committees and in the community as assigned and participates in the success of Camp Fircom's strategic plan

EXTERNAL RELATIONSHIPS

- Communicates with youth campers, parents, schools and community groups.
- Establishes relationships with Metro Vancouver United Church congregations and other relevant community organizations.

MARKETING & COMMUNICATION

- Participates in the gathering of stories and pictures, which highlight the programs and activities at Camp Fircom.
- Participates in promotion and marketing through media and community events.
- Will write a 2017 CIT Report at the end of the season summarizing the season and recommendations for future camp seasons

Competencies

- **Commitment to Organization Mission, Vision and Values** – demonstrates and promotes an understanding of, and appreciation for the mission, vision and values of Camp Fircom Society and the United Church of Canada
- **Leadership** – Motivates and inspires others to take action and achieve desired outcomes.
- **Relationship Building and Collaboration**- Builds positive interactions internally and externally to achieve work related goals.
- **Health and Safety** – Acknowledges need for Health and Safety and understands how to manage and educate others in risk management and harm reduction.
- **Development** – Commits to continuous learning and development for self, participants, volunteer and staff.
- **Teamwork** – Actively participates to build maximum organizational effectiveness for Camp Fircom and United Church of Canada
- **Planning and Organization** – Establishes a clearly defined and effective course of action for self and others to accomplish short and long term goals.
- **Quality Focus** – Ensures that success criteria for self, staff and programs are set, reviewed and surpassed regularly to provide excellent service delivery.
- **Business Oriented** – Develops plans and takes actions with a view to maximizing returns.
- **Results Oriented** – Ability to achieve and exceed identified goals.
- **Decision-making** – Ability to solve problems while exhibiting judgment and a realistic understanding of issues and outcomes.

Qualifications

EDUCATION & SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE

- Post-secondary degree in a relevant field (preferred education and/or outdoor education background)
- Minimum of three years of delivering leadership experiences and programs in a supervisory, management or senior staff role.
- Minimum 19 years of age
- Current Wilderness First Aid Certification (24hrs) or willingness to obtain if hired
- Clear Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Search

- RCABC ADVANCED Tandem/Solo canoe certification or willingness to obtain if hired
- Class 5 driver's license

REQUIRED SKILLS & ABILITIES

- Extensive knowledge of the organized camping, outdoor experiential education and recreation leisure industries.
- Demonstrated ability to design, develop, and support culturally competent programming.
- Strong interpersonal skills and proven leadership ability to guide and motivate staff and volunteers.
- Strong organizational skills.
- Ability to work under pressure, set priorities and meet deadlines.
- Ability to observe and assess camper behaviour, enforce safety regulations and emergency procedures, and apply appropriate behaviour-management techniques

ADDITIONAL SKILLS CONSIDERED AN ASSET

- Class 4 drivers license
- Second language
- Certification in specific recreational activities (i.e. RCABC ocean canoeing, ACCT challenge course)

Working Conditions

- Contract position beginning June 26th. Prior to this date will be the addition of part-time days for preparation and out-trip scouting (dates TBD). Full time work from July 3rd to August 11th. Additional contract days for reporting to be determined.
- Requires working in an outdoor environment on Gambier Island when necessary to meet program needs.
- May occasionally travel to other locations in and around Metro Vancouver and the Lower Mainland.
- May be required to work some evenings, weekends, and statutory holidays.
- May be required to work alone on a semi-remote site.
- May be required to open up or lock up when guest groups are not on site. This might involve locking up in the dark in a semi-remote area.
- May involve working with difficult clients.