

Internship Opportunity

Do you wish that forest school existed when you were a child? You want to explore, develop hands-on skills, and enjoy the outdoors with a group of like-minded people, rain or shine. You're interested in developing your knowledge of local ecosystems, moving into the role of nature mentor as you foster children's love for the outdoors, and expanding your ability to work in forest and farm settings.

Fresh Air Learning is seeking volunteer interns for a one-term learning opportunity. We also welcome those who want to volunteer for the year. Join us in one of our outdoor programs for preschool-aged children or in our new intermediate and primary programs for elementary school-aged homelearners.

What we offer:

- Training in forest school philosophy and teaching techniques
- Ongoing mentorship from our teachers
- A chance to experience forest, farm, and garden learning environments
- An opportunity to understand your own gifts as a mentor and facilitator
- A community of parents and children who love nature and will be delighted to welcome you

What we are looking for:

- You can commit to being present in an assistant role one day or one morning or afternoon a week working with a class from preschool to grade seven. Hours range from 8:15-3:45 to a half-day from 9:15-12:15 or 12:45-3:45.
- You are interested in actively participating in group management, risk assessment, conflict resolution, and facilitation. You may support one or more children more intensively or work with the entire group.
- You are dedicated to the development of children's curiosity and support learning that is based in play, exploration, and inquiry. You seek to build on children's strengths and facilitate nonviolent communication.
- You are interested in developing your understanding of local ecosystems. You have some knowledge of these ecosystems already, and you have a deep respect for and engagement with nature.
- You are willing to submit a criminal record check. This is fairly simple to do online.

Our programs run in North Vancouver and Vancouver (Pacific Spirit Park).

To apply, please contact Tricia Edgar, Program Director, at tricia@freshairlearning.org.

