



Internal/External Job Posting

Seasonal Bargaining Unit Position (Sept. to June)

Interpretive Program Guide

Location: Guelph Lake Nature Centre

Who we are

The Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) has an international reputation for excellence in managing the natural resources of the largest inland river system in southern Ontario. Our team is made up of committed and passionate experts in their fields, including scientists, engineers, researchers, educators, stewards, planners, foresters, recreation experts and much more. Every day, we come to work to improve the health of the natural environment of the Grand River watershed for those who call it home or come to visit. We are a progressive team, dedicated to lifelong learning, collaboration and making a positive impact.

Who you are

You want to be part of an organization with an environmental goal. You want the work you do to make a difference. You like a team environment where everyone has an opportunity to contribute to achieve a shared goal, no matter their background or level of education and experience. You like problem solving, expanding your horizons and making even the smallest positive impact for your community and the planet.

Why work for us

Our team feels a connection to their work, to each other and to the community we serve. We offer staff development plans and open doors to help advance your career. And our employees benefit from being part of the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS), with 100% matching contributions from GRCA.

Overview of the opportunity

Reporting to the Guelph Lake Conservation Area Superintendent this position is responsible for delivering a variety of outdoor environmental education programs to school and community groups at GRCA Nature Centres, Conservation Areas, in school yards and/or online as applicable. This position will be required to work at one or more of the GRCA's five nature centre locations: Apps' Mill, Guelph Lake, Laurel Creek, Shade's Mills and Taquanyah Nature Centres.

What you'll do:

- Deliver curriculum-based outdoor environmental education programs to school and community groups of all ages, either in person or online.
- Help maintain teaching equipment materials and facilities and provide administrative support when required.
- Other duties as assigned by the Supervisor.

Education:

- Completion of a college diploma program

Experience:

- Strong communication and interpersonal skills (public speaking/teaching skills).
- Experience and/or training in nature interpretation, environmental teaching or outdoor education.
- Excellent computer skills with Microsoft Office Applications and virtual teaching technology (e.g., iPhones, Gimbals, Teams, etc.).
- Proven commitment to providing excellent customer service.
- Knowledge of GRCA operations and programs.
- Demonstrated competency with basic outdoor/environmental education equipment (e.g., snowshoes, microscopes, hip waders, GPS units, etc.).
- Knowledge of Occupational Health & Safety Act.
- CPR and First Aid Certified required.
- A satisfactory Criminal Record Check is required.
- Ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Valid driver's license and the ability to travel within the Grand River watershed.
- Small Drinking Water System Operator Certificate is considered an asset.

Competencies and Abilities

Professional Judgement

The exercise of critical thinking, analysis and assessment of implications, making connections of underlying issues and the ownership of the outcome. Effectively exercised it leads to fair, efficient and effective decision making and brings clarity and resolution to complex and ambiguous situations or issues.

Integrity/Trust

The willingness to hold oneself and others accountable for acting in ways, both privately and publicly, that are consistent with stated values, principles and professional standards.

Team Work

Interacts with people respectfully and effectively. Able and willing to share and receive information.

Goal/Action Oriented

Seizes opportunities; takes initiative and is self-motivated. Maintain high level of productivity and self-direction.

Customer Focus

Is dedicated to meeting the expectations and requirements of internal and external customers.

Compensation and Benefits

- Pay range starting at \$23.87 to \$28.07 per hour
- Working full time 35 hours per week Monday to Friday, September to June
- Gold-standard Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) pension fund with 100% employer matching contributions.
- Free year-round access to GRCA conservation areas (parks).

Approximate Start Date: January 2026

To Apply: Please send a cover letter and resume to careers@grandriver.ca in MS Word or PDF format and quote "Seasonal Interpreter" in the subject line.

Deadline for Applications: 4:00pm December 12, 2025

We thank you for your interest, however only candidates under consideration will be contacted.

GRCA is an equal opportunity employer. We are committed to inclusive, barrier-free recruitment and selection processes and work environments. If you require any accessibility accommodations at any point during the application and hiring process, please contact us. Any information received relating to accommodation will be addressed confidentially.

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