



SUMMER WILDERNESS MINISTRY TEAM

Term: May 1st - August 25th, 2017

Ministry Synopsis: Explore! Wilderness Adventures is a ministry program of Living Bible Explorers (LBE) located in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. LBE is a Christian Charity that is committed to helping children, youth, and their families become productive, responsible and spiritually mature individuals. This is accomplished through building of relationships between individuals and LBE's staff and volunteers within a safe environment and programs, sharing God's love through life witness and the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Explore! summer wilderness ministry team is a focal point of the year round Explore! program. Youth participate in regular, monthly programs learning new skills, experiencing the outdoors and have opportunities to hear the Gospel, respond to it, and further their knowledge and interpretation of that response. The summer season is a unique time for many youth to participate on week-long adventures to grow and transform into confident and competent individuals and truly be in a position without distractions of the world to sit under the story of the Gospel.

Our youth are from aboriginal (Canadian First Nations) and new comer (refugee/immigrant) backgrounds. This ministry is a powerful way to connect youth to the land, history, and their role in the story of Canada as a whole. These youth face many challenges such as isolation, financial barriers, racial biases, and family dysfunction. Our role is to connect with "the least of these" and give them HOPE and ENCOURAGEMENT as they navigate life as a young person. We are looking for individuals to help us in this unique mission field here in north america.

Job Description:

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Being part of a team of trained ministry leaders reaching out to Winnipeg's inner city youth through home visitation, outreach events, camping and outdoor activities.
- Co-lead a group up to 12 participants on weekend multi-activity adventure camps (trail biking, canoeing, hiking, archery, and rock climbing) in the spring (May/June).
- Co-lead a group up to 8 participants on week-long wilderness tripping camps in the July/Aug.
- Know and adhere to Living Bible Explorers and Explorers Bible Camp policies and procedures.
- Promote and maintain a positive learning environment and the physical and emotional safety of co-leaders and participants.
- Know wilderness travel skills or be motivated to learn them and to teach those skills to others.
- Demonstrate minimum skills competencies in the valued skills (listed below) by the start of program.

- Canoe tripping (safe stable and confident paddling, comfortable in adverse weather, comfortable in primitive conditions)
- Backpacking (able to carry 50lbs comfortably, able to hike/walk up to 15kms)
- Maintain basic first aid certification, attend all leader trainings, and acquire additional trainings needed to gain minimum competences (provided free of cost to those chosen for the position through spring training and certification).
- Manage medical and behavior issues.
- Be willing and able to teach the Bible, share testimony of faith and be willing to listen and respond when the Holy Spirit prompts.
- Act as a positive Christian role model in and out of programs and duties.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be minimum 19 yrs of age.
- Must be a born again Christian with a desire to reach out to the unreached with the Gospel and lean into deeper teaching with those struggling in their faith.
- Must be able to perform physical duties related to Explore! Wilderness Adventures activities including backpacking, canoeing and wilderness travel.
- Experience with or enthusiasm for working in small leadership team.
- Ability to remain flexible in a changing environment.
- Desire to acquire and learn preferred qualifications.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

We feel that the ideal Christian outdoor leader has competencies in each of the following areas. We do not expect all applicants to have experience in all listed skill areas, but seek applicants who are motivated to gain experience in the following areas by way of trainings and workshops offered by Living Bible Explorers and Explore! Wilderness Adventures leader trainings.

Faith - Acknowledge that there is one God, eternally existing in three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

- Jesus Christ was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin, Mary.
- Personal redemption has been accomplished solely by the shed blood, the resurrection, and the ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, who was made a sin and a curse for us, dying in our place.
- By nature, all are lost apart from Jesus Christ. Salvation is by God's grace alone, through faith in Jesus Christ.
- The Scriptures are the correct rule for life and conduct and the God of the Bible is real and He invites people to put their lives under His control, so that He can give them a joyous and meaningful life.

Technical – Backpacking, canoeing, backcountry living, map and compass.

Environmental – Leave No Trace, plant and animal identification, Boreal forest ecosystems, natural history.

Leadership – Experiences in leadership positions, facilitation techniques, leadership styles, creating positive group norms.

Health & Wellness – First aid trainings and certifications, mental health awareness, nutrition, injury prevention.

Diversity & Inclusion – Understanding of multiple cultures, power & identity education, using inclusive language, intercultural communication.

Instruction – Knowledge of learning styles, experiential teaching strategies, teachable moments, creating positive learning environments.