POSITION TITLE: Columbia Headwaters Education & Engagement Intern

Posting Date: April 29, 2019
Closing Date: May 15, 2019

About Y2Y
The Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative (Y2Y) is a joint Canada-US not-for-profit organization with a mission to connect and protect wildlife habitat from Yellowstone to Yukon so people and nature can thrive. Y2Y takes a scientific and collaborative approach to conservation, and is upheld as a global leader in large landscape conservation. Visit www.y2y.net to learn more.

The Columbia Headwaters is an important region in the Y2Y geography – the northern linkage between Canadian National Parks in the Rocky Mountains to important conservation areas in the US. The Columbia Headwaters is part of the globally unique Inland Temperate Rainforest, characterized by old growth forests in deep rugged valleys and big snowpacks on high alpine peaks. The region hosts healthy grizzly and wolf populations, as well as mountain goats, and is a known spot for wolverines. It is also home to the highly threatened southern mountain caribou.

Job Description
Y2Y is seeking a Columbia Headwaters Education & Engagement Intern to assist our Columbia Headwaters Program Manager with education and outreach activities aimed at growing a cross-sectoral constituency in support of increasing conservation in the region. Y2Y is working with a wide range of partners and allies to increase conservation, including new protected areas, in the Purcell, Selkirk, and Columbia Mountains. This exciting summer job is suited to someone interested in ecology, biology, conservation, environmental education and/or communications, and applying their skills and passion for wildlife and ecosystems to educate and engage people in the region.

Job Responsibilities
- Assist with creation of a variety of print and on-line educational materials for use with local governments, backcountry recreational users, and the general public;
- Inform and activate people through outreach at festivals, fairs, markets and other events;
- Organize Y2Y-specific events;
- Give presentations on conservation opportunities to a variety of audiences;
- Assist with the design and implementation of a multi-level engagement strategy that includes developing and supporting circles of supportive, engaged citizens;
- Develop and execute social media strategies;
- Participate in regular meetings with Y2Y BC team members; and
- Other duties as assigned and agreed.
Eligibility & Qualifications
This position is partly funded through the Canada Summer Jobs program. The intern must be between the ages of 15 to 30 years, be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or with refugee protection, and have a valid Social Insurance Number. **You do not need to be a student.** International students are not eligible. Indigenous persons and women in STEM are highly encouraged to apply. Necessary qualifications include:

- Excellent written and oral communication skills;
- An outgoing personality as evidenced by involvement in community organizations or volunteer events;
- Confidence in making presentations and engaging the public;
- Ability to work independently and within a team;
- Willingness to travel (must have a vehicle and valid drivers’ license);
- Some knowledge of the region and/or education in ecology, biology, and/or conservation, and/or environmental education and/or communications; and
- Three references who can attest to your qualifications.

Location
Ideally the candidate will be based in Revelstoke or Nakusp, BC, however candidates from anywhere in the region will be considered. Y2Y BC staff are located in Nelson and New Denver.

Hours of Work and Salary
The start date is June 3, 2019 or as soon as possible thereafter, for 8 weeks at 30 hours/week. The salary is $18 per hour. As an intern, you will gain significant hands-on experience with the strategies, processes, and practices of a non-profit conservation organization, and non-profit culture and administration. Y2Y will reimburse approved out-of-pocket expenses.

To Apply
Send cover letter and resume detailing why you are interested in this position and your qualifications by 5pm PST on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 to nadine@y2y.net.