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### **Summer 2010**

#### **Environmental Awareness Intern**

Two Summer Student Positions with the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance

May 1 – August 13, 2010

Wage: \$16/hr plus work mileage

The Red Deer River Watershed Alliance (RDRWA) is a non-profit organization designated by the Government of Alberta as the Watershed Planning and Advisory Council (WPAC) for the Red Deer River watershed under the government's Water for Life strategy. The Red Deer River Watershed Alliance (RDRWA) is an all inclusive, multi-sector collaborative partnership. The RDRWA goals are to a) provide a forum for information exchange and dialogue, b) raise awareness on watershed issues, c) promote the use of best practices and integrated management of land and water resources, d) foster the preservation and enhancement of water quality management and e) champion the wise management of water quantity and supply.

The Environmental Awareness Intern's role requires an understanding of what is a watershed, environmental issues in the Red Deer River watershed, and the need for educating residents of the watershed on these environmental issues.

#### **Duties**

- Communicate with watershed stewardship groups within the Red Deer River watershed, attend their events and meetings. Update RDRWA on issues that arise from these events/meetings. Promote the RDRWA during these events/meetings. Write short articles about these meetings/events for inclusion in the RDRWA newsletter and e-news.
- Assist in the preparation and holding of RDRWA events/meetings and write about these events for inclusion in the RDRWA newsletter and e-news.
- Attend the meetings and assist in the delivery of the programs of the RDRWA Beneficial Management Practices/Stewardship Committee and the Communications/Education Committee; write about program activities for inclusion in the RDRWA newsletter and e-news.
- Initiate and organize field activities, or collaborate with watershed stewardship groups' activities for RDRWA members to participate in (canoe, wetlands walk, pasture walk, bird counts, plant counts, visits to recycling, landfill, water treatment, wastewater treatment facilities, shoreline clean-ups, bike to work, etc.). Promote RDRWA in these events/activities. Write short articles about these meetings/events for inclusion in the RDRWA newsletter and e-news.
- Seek cooperation of school teachers to conduct environmental awareness activities in their classes. Write about these activities for inclusion in the RDRWA newsletter and e-news.
- Organize RDRWA collection of educational materials into a "mini library" – hard copies and electronic

- Communicate with literature sources of Beneficial Management Practices selected by the RDRWA to obtain permission for reproduction of copyrighted materials.

### **Qualifications**

- At least a year of post secondary education in environmental science/studies, agriculture, biology, chemistry, geography, or other related natural sciences, education, and sociology
- Very good writing and presentation skills
- Very good public relations and interpersonal skills
- Ability to work independently and manage time effectively
- Proficiency in MS Word, MS Excel, Powerpoint, and MS Publisher
- Comfortable working with different groups of people in the community including youth
- Valid driver's license, Police Clearance, and provide reliable personal transportation

This is a seasonal position starting approximately May 1, 2010. Submit applications by March 31<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to Marilou Montemayor, Watershed Planning Manager, Red Deer River Watershed Alliance, 4918 59<sup>th</sup> Street, Red Deer Alberta T4N 2N1. Fax: 403-356-9189. Email: [marilou.montemayor@rdrwa.ca](mailto:marilou.montemayor@rdrwa.ca). Application must include cover letter, resume and at least two references.

We thank all applicants however, only those selected for interviews will be contacted.