



Share Aboriginal culture and history at Heritage Park!

Each year Heritage Park hires Aboriginal applicants (18 years and older) to work in our First Nations encampment from May to October, interpreting the history and culture of Treaty 7 First Nations for our many park visitors. If you love talking to people, telling stories and sharing your cultural heritage, consider applying for work as a seasonal Aboriginal Interpreter. Interviews occur in early April for the summer season.

Aboriginal Interpreter – First Nations - Seasonal

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Educate and engage the public in the history, cultural traditions and lifestyles of Treaty 7 First Nations during the late 1800s
- work as part of a team of First Nations Interpreters in period appropriate clothing at our tipi encampment portraying daily life in the buffalo days
- Demonstrate traditional activities, tools and other materials.
- set up and put away artifacts and activity materials daily

Job Requirements:

- Comfortable sharing knowledge of First Nations culture and speaking with visitors of all ages and backgrounds.
- Experience speaking in front of groups. Interpretive experience a definite asset.
- Knowledge of Treaty 7 First Nations history, culture, language or traditional activities/skills. Willingness to learn more.
- Must be mature, reliable and a good team worker.
- Able to work full days (9:30am to 5:00pm) including weekend work.

Full time opportunities available May to Labour Day, with weekend work during September and October (until Thanksgiving). Part time staff also needed.

Training, costumes and resource information is provided. Opportunities exist to gain experience in interpretive techniques, customer service, and public speaking as well as to increase your knowledge of the culture and history of Treaty 7 First Nations.

Applications for the 2019 season will be accepted from mid February until mid April. Send your resume and cover letter to Heritage Park Historical Village, 1900 Heritage Drive SW. Calgary, Alberta T2V 2X3, Attn: Human Resources – Aboriginal Interpreter; Fax 403-268-8554; Email hr@heritagepark.ca. Or apply online at www.heritagepark.ca.



Background on Aboriginal Interpretive Program

Heritage Park, Calgary Alberta

The First Nations Encampment at Heritage Park provides a venue for the sharing of Aboriginal history and culture with guests to the Park. Interpreters, representing the Treaty 7 Nations, depict the culture and traditions of the Plains First Nations of Southern Alberta during the last half of the nineteenth century. The Interpreters welcome guests to enter one of the tipis at the Encampment, demonstrate seasonal activities like hide tanning, cooking, making tools, or beading; and invite guests to participate in traditional games and hands-on activities, while sharing stories from their culture. Métis culture is interpreted at the HBC Fort, Mission and Livingston House exhibits.

Goals and Objectives

- To identify and celebrate the historical and contemporary contributions of Aboriginal people (Métis and First Nations) to Western Canadian life and culture
- To strengthen the educational impact of the Heritage Park Aboriginal exhibits on the visiting public
- To increase public understanding of historical and contemporary cross-cultural interactions between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in the Canadian West
- To build and reinforce partnerships between Heritage Park and Aboriginal communities in southern Alberta
- To provide meaningful employment opportunities for Aboriginal people while promoting an understanding and appreciation for their rich cultural heritage

Current Status of the Program

The Aboriginal program at Heritage Park was launched in 2007 and has grown significantly in depth and quality of presentation over the years. Aboriginal Interpreters are hired seasonally to work from May to Thanksgiving Weekend. The First Nations Encampment consists of two tipis, complete with artifacts, and set up to allow for themed interpretation (hunting/men's activities versus daily living/women's activities, etc). Interpreters work in period appropriate clothing (1860's-1870's), providing demonstrations of traditional seasonal activities and games, while sharing stories from their culture. Daily activities vary from day-to-day and to date have included traditional songs, storytelling, drumming and dancing; demonstrations of beading and other handiwork; food ways demonstrations (berry soup, needle tea, bannock making, meat drying); tipi raising, and traditional games. Métis culture is interpreted at the HBC Fort, Mission and Livingston House exhibits.