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Living Our Kaska Way Frances Lake Summer Camp

The Liard Aboriginal Women's Society, the Liard First Nation and the Ross River Dena Council are partnering together to offer a summer camp GUK'EH GU'SANI – "Living our Kaska Way" at Frances Lake during the summer months of July and August.

The camp will focus on remembering our culture by practicing our language, by storytelling, and by joining together in traditional medicine, traditional crafts, traditional sewing, and traditional ceremonial practices. The camp will honor the central place of our Elders in remembering our culture, partnering participants Kaska language speakers to practice our language through immersion. All are welcome. Food is provided, but please bring your own camping gear and environmentally friendly plates and utensils (no plastic or styrofoam).

The gathering will include opportunities for sharing stories around the camp fires of resistance at the prison camps that were called Residential Schools.

We plan to have sewing and learning about plant medicines that our ancestors used for centuries. We will provide opportunity for sweats and ceremonies and handgames. We have cabins to be shared and plenty of land for individuals to set up tents. The cabins will be kept for our language teachers and elders that are having difficulty walking.

We welcome anyone living in Good Hope Lake, Watson Lake, Lower Post and Ross River to please join us in remembering and honoring our culture.

Please keep in mind that this is an ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE CAMP and no one will be invited to stay who is under the influence. This is for the safety of yourself and others.

If you are interested in joining the camp could you call Dede at our office at 536-2097 and she will take your name.



YOUTH FOR DIGNITY

We are pleased that Julee and Renee will be back at Watson Lake Secondary School this fall offering the Youth for Dignity Program.

This program aims to empower and engage youth to understanding gender based violence from a response based approach. In addition we will have our elders involved teaching about Dena Au’Nazen. We were very impressed with the youth who were a part of Youth for Justice from 2015 to 2017 as they were quick to grasp these ideas and are deeply concerned with the epidemic of violence in our community.

“It is not the responsible of our youth or our women to end men’s violence against women. “ Kaska women continually ask where are our men in protecting and standing with us in solidarity to end violence against women.

“YOU HAVE POWER OVER YOUR MIND—NOT OUTSIDE EVENTS.

REALISE THIS AND YOU WILL FIND STRENGTH.”

MARCUS AURELIUS

PROJECT MANAGEMENT TRAINING

We will be offering project management training this fall that will provide individuals with skills to manage small projects and understand basic financial statements.

We will provide more information with dates on the training in our next newsletter.

REGALIA FOR GRADUATES

We would like to acknowledge and thank the Council and staff of Liard First Nation for continuing with sewing the regalia for our grades 7 and 12 this year.

We are pleased to be partnering with LFN and pleased to have hired Lorie to work with the sewing volunteers and youth to get the regalia sewn in such a short timeframe.

We would like to thank the community members and elders who have volunteered to sew for grads.

Liard Aboriginal Women's Society would like to extend our congratulations to all youth who will be graduating from Grade 7 and 12 this year.

Please join us as we celebrate our youth's achievements through culture:

DATE: May 31st

TIME: 5:00 pm

LOCATION: Watson Lake Recreation Centre



“IT’S NOT ABOUT BEING PERFECT. IT’S ABOUT EFFORT. AND WHEN YOU BRING THAT EFFORT EVERY SINGLE DAY, THAT’S WHERE TRANSFORMATION HAPPENS. THAT’S HOW CHANGE OCCURS.” 3

FRANCES LAKE SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES

There are several opportunities for citizens interested in providing contract services for the camp this summer at Tu Cho. Please drop off your resume and or an explanation on your interest at our office at 721 Frances Avenue or fax it to 867-536-2810. A healthy and sober lifestyle is an essential requirement for all opportunities.

Project Coordinator

Coordinating services required include: arranging and overseeing pre-camp start-up activities, camp operations, keep record of participants, provide written reports on project and post-camp activities. Essential qualities include: proven organizational, communication and interpersonal skills; the ability to work with deadlines with minimal supervision; and a wiliness to travel. Contract Term: June 1 to August 31, 2019. (contract may be extended to include September). Must have knowledge of using Microsoft software and has a friendly attitude towards people. Must be drug and Alcohol free.

Camp Maintenance Services

Camp maintenance services required include: pre-camp preparations; camp maintenance while the camp is operational; and, post-camp closure. Essential qualities include: physical fitness; the ability to work within deadlines with minimal supervision; attention to detail; a wiliness to travel; and, work safety skills. Basic carpentry skills and the ability to safely operate and maintain small equipment is preferred. Contract Term: June 1 to August 31, 2019. (contract may be extended to include September). Individual must be able to work independently and follows through on direction given and must have a friendly nature and drug and alcohol free.

Camp Cooking Services

Camp cooking services required include: Meal planning and preparation for camp participants; observing health and safety precautions in food preparation and the maintenance of related facilities; appropriate disposal of food waste and refuse, participating in acquiring related supplies. Essential qualities include: experience in meal planning and preparation in a camp setting to multiple participants; proven health and safety skills appropriate to camp cooking; good interpersonal skills; and, a wiliness to reside in a camp setting. Contact Term: June 1 to August 31 2019. PLEASE NOTE: Our hope is to rotate cooks for a 10 day turnaround thus providing opportunities to more individuals. Must have Food Safe Certification. We are looking for someone who has experience cooking for groups and most important is the individual must have a friendly, caring nature and lives a healthy lifestyle.

CLOSING DATE FOR ABOVE POSITIONS WILL BE MAY 22 2019 at 4:00pm



TEMPORARY CONTRACT POSITION

Drop off resume at our office at 721 Frances Ave or fax it to 867-536-2810.

Closing date for this position is June 22 2019 by 4:00pm

A. Position: Project Coordinator

B. Term: July 2nd 2019 to March 31, 2020 subject to probationary period of three months and available funding this position may be extended beyond March 31st , 2020.

C. Overview of Liard Aboriginal Women's Society (LAWS)

LAWS is a community-based, non-profit organization based in Watson Lake that provides justice, health and social development services to the five Indigenous communities that make up the Kaska Nation in the Yukon and northern British Columbia. Since our inception in 1998, LAWS has provided consistent direction and presence in the Kaska community through its provision of several ongoing social development services and wellness initiatives, including Projects focusing on gender-based violence prevention.

D. Position Summary

LAWS is looking for a dynamic individual to join their hardworking team as Project Coordinator. This position manages, coordinates and administers a range of programs, services and projects offered by the Society. The Society leads by example therefore the successful candidate must model a commitment to personal wellness.

Reporting to the Executive Director, the Project Coordinator holds a diverse range of responsibilities in project coordination and administration, partnership development, event planning, monitoring and evaluation support, and providing direct support to Kaska women and youth. This position will coordinate the activities of LAWS Projects with direction from the Executive Director.

E. Duties and Responsibilities

1. Project Coordination and Evaluation

- Coordinating the Youth for Dignity in Relationships project, and other LAWS projects and initiatives;
- Developing and monitoring Project plans that involve several partners to ensure Project deadlines and deliverables are met;
- Writing reports that include details on project activities, financial information, and Project results;
- Organizing meeting and event logistics including booking facilities, preparing materials, coordinating catering as well as documenting and following up on actions from Project meetings;
- Assisting with financial management duties including creating budgets, tracking financial expenditures,
- Supporting the integration of cultural knowledge and practice into LAWS Projects and initiatives.
- Assisting with 'on-the-ground' activities related to Project research and evaluation

TEMPORARY CONTRACT POSITION

Job Description Liard Aboriginal Women's Society (LAWS) April 2019 Project Coordinator

Maintaining clear communications with Project evaluation consultants and working with consultants to conduct regular program evaluation activities (i.e. writing workshop reports).

2. Communications and Partnership Development

- Working collaboratively, and supporting partnerships, with community members, agencies and Project partners and consultants;
- Facilitating clear communications between Project partners and stakeholders involved in Project activities, including LAWS leadership, consultants, facilitators, participants, and agency staff;
- Encouraging, motivating and inspiring project partners and participants to maintain their common interest and active participation in the Projects;
- Supporting Project partners (i.e. Workshop Facilitators) with the development, recording and collection of program curriculum plans and materials;
- Coordinating the development and delivery of communication tools (i.e. newsletters), promotional tools (i.e. logos, photography), and events designed to share knowledge about the Projects;

F. Working Conditions

This is a term position to March 31, 2020 subject to a three month probationary period. Conditions of employment follow those laid out through Yukon Labour Standards and other relevant laws and legislation.

maintain regular communication with the Executive Director and must be prepared to work effectively and efficiently with minimal supervision.

- Duties and responsibilities include both ongoing and project-based work with due dates. Due to the responsibilities related to workshops and meetings, a flexible working schedule is required from time to time.
- The LAWS office environment is small and therefore demands the ability to work with some disruption and to maintain strict confidentiality.
- Confidentiality is also essential in working with individuals, agencies and Project partners due to sensitivities around personal issues related to violence against women.

*****For a full job description and summary please contact Ann at 867-536-2097.**