

 **Welcome New Volunteers!**

GIS/Mapping: Jen Hughes

Assistant Volunteer Coordinator: Jaycinta Daniel

 **Upcoming SPES Events and Volunteer Opportunities:**



Together we're cleaning up Beaver Lake!

The Stanley Park Ecology Society staff and volunteers would like to invite **YOU** to join our team.

This year, join the thousands of Canadians who, by removing aquatic debris, will help keep our nation's waterways clean and safe for wildlife in the 2007 TD Canada Trust Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup.

Meet us on **Sunday, September 16th at 9:30 am** on the **upper floor** of the **Stanley Park Dining Pavilion (entrance off the parking lot)**. There will be a short orientation where we will hand out supplies and then we walk down as a group to **Beaver Lake**. The cleanup will begin at 10:00am and end at 1:00pm.

Sign up for our team at www.vanaqua.org/cleanup (enter your email address and password, register for a cleanup and sign-up for 'Beaver Lake')

For more information please contact Noah O'Hara at ecoranger@stanleyparkecology.ca (please put shore cleanup in the subject line) or call (604) 257-6909.
See you there!

'Creatures of the Night'



Volunteer Job Description

Purpose: To help the Stanley Park Ecology Society bring awareness in a fun and educational way to the mysterious night creatures of Stanley Park by assisting with the Creatures of the Night walks during the Halloween Ghost Train. This exciting and popular event has been expanded for 2007 and will take place every Thursday to Sunday night during the month of October. Volunteers must be able to commit to at least a total of 4 shifts of 4 hours each (6:00PM to 10:00PM). There will be several different types of positions for volunteers to choose from including some dramatic roles involving the memorization and delivery of short skits, selling tickets and helping people get organized and ready for the walk. Training sessions will be from the middle to the end of September.

Benefits:

- Learn about bats, owls and other night creatures
- Gain valuable experience working with the public in a festive setting
- Improve communication skills
- Develop customer service skills
- Explore a career in Nature Interpretation
- Fulfill student volunteer hours
- Free organic, buttered popcorn, hot chocolate, and pizza!

Duties:

- Dress in animal costumes and perform as night creatures of Stanley Park
- Dress in Halloween costumes, sell tickets, promote the walks and the Stanley Park Ecology Society
- Help the walk leader gather participants
- Hand out and help to light lanterns at the beginning of the walk and collect them at the end of the walk
- Help to keep the walk together and answer questions from the public

Requirements;

- 16 years old or over
- Lots of enthusiasm and a sense of fun!
- Willingness to commit to the event
- Good command of English
- Interested in learning about the night creatures of the Park
- Able to follow instructions
- Good organizational and communication skills

Contact:

Koren Johnstone, Volunteer Coordinator, Stanley Park Ecology Society
Email: vols@stanleyparkecology.ca phone: 604-681-7099

Other Opportunities:

Bird Count Volunteers:

Details of position:

- Collecting data about waterfowl on Lost Lagoon, and waterfowl and perching birds on Beaver Lake in Stanley Park.
- Inputting data on the computer at the Nature House and displaying on bulletin board.



Dude entering data

Image Bank Volunteers:

Details of position:

- Entering our collection of photographs taken in Stanley Park and beyond into our digital image bank.
- Maintaining accurate records of photographs by sorting through the existing files of photos, entering into image bank and classifying according to categories, date taken, source, etc.

Volunteer Nature House Hosts:

Details of position:

- Welcoming visitors to the Nature House and sharing information about Stanley Park's natural and cultural history in a friendly and engaging manner.
- Creating, maintaining, and explaining educational displays in the Nature House.
- Promoting other Stanley Park Ecology programs and special events.
- Organizing resource materials such as books, photos, and articles.
- General maintenance as required
- Recording statistics on the number of daily visitors.



Upcoming SPES Programs and Walks:

IVY BUSTERS:

Next 2007 Ivy Pull Dates: Sept 8, Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8

Time: 10am (sharp) until 1pm

Where: The Stanley Park Dining Pavilion (see directions below for more details)

Wear: Please dress for the weather and wear solid footwear. Long sleeves are recommended as some people's skin reacts to the sap of the ivy. ****We ask that you bring plenty of water; some refreshments will be provided during break. Don't let any showers dissuade you ~ we'll be there rain or shine!**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jarrid at: programs@stanleyparkecology.ca or (604) 718-6522. **We look forward to seeing you at our next pull!**

Discovery Walks:

Place: Nature House

Time: 1 PM (unless stated otherwise – see schedule below)

Join a Stanley Park Ecology Society guide for an in-depth exploration of one or more of the fascinating aspects of this Park. Our 'Sunday Specials' guides are recruited for their expertise and insights into the ecological or cultural histories of the local environment, and specifically of Stanley Park. Bring your cameras and curiosity with you as these experts reveal the past, present and future stories of this National Historic site.

Monthly Birding:

Date: Sept 30, Oct 25, Nov 28

Time: 9:00 – 11:00AM

Place: Nature House

Join naturalist and bird watcher Cathy Aitchison for a 2-hour tour in Stanley Park to identify migratory and resident birds and learn bird watching skills.

Schedule of Ivy Pulls, Discovery Walks and Monthly Birding:

September 16 - Old Growth Forests

Join biologist David Cook on a rare walk through some of the old growth areas of the Stanley Park and discover how a forest developed from the early beginning to the mystery of great age.

September 23 – Beautiful Buggedy Bugs

Ideal for families, kids (7-up). From high jumpers to deep divers - insects have some amazing abilities that help them survive and thrive in Stanley Park! Join Andrew Scott on a unique journey into the fascinating world of insects.

September 30 – Birding With Cathy Aitchison

9:00am to 11:00 am – leaves from the Nature House

September 30 – Fall Fowl Prowl

** Starts at Second Beach Concession (ages 7 and up)*

Join Urban wildlife specialist Robyn Worcester for some of the best fall waterfowl viewing in Canada! Fun and interactive activities will help you identify many different species and discover more about their life history and behaviour.

October 7 – Stanley Park Annual Mushroom Walk

**(10:00am and 1:00pm)*

Come along on these magical and entertaining walks with renowned botanist Terry Taylor and prepare to be dazzled by the incredible beauty and diversity of mushrooms you'll find in Stanley Park.

October 13 – Ivy Busters

**10:00am to 1:00pm*

Join our Fine De-Vine team on this stewardship project to control the expansion of English Ivy in Stanley Park. Volunteers will be removing this highly invasive species, which is known to create "ivy deserts" by establishing itself as the predominant groundcover in many of the large urban forests of the Pacific Northwest. This project is a partnership between the SPES and the Vancouver Park Board.

October 14 – Halloween for Health

Ideal for families, kids (7-up). Join Andrew Scott for a double-take at the world of insects and meet the true masters of disguise – ones that depend on their costumes for survival and not just candy!

October 21 (1:00pm) – Brockton Point's Forgotten Women: A Women's History Month Historical Walking Tour.

**Leaves from the Brockton Point concession stand*

Come hear and celebrate another Stanley Park history not found in the tour guide brochures with historical interpreter Jolene Cumming.

October 21 (3:00pm) - To The Rescue: Protecting BC's Rich Biodiversity

** Second Floor meeting space - Stanley Park Dining Pavilion*

Join Lindsay Coulter of the David Suzuki Foundation for a presentation about B.C.'s Species at Risk, where they can be found, and more importantly what you can do to help!

October 28 – Birding With Cathy Aitchison

**9:00am to 11:00 am – leaves from the Nature House*

October 28 - Time Traveling Trees

Join David Cook for an introduction to some of the longest-lived trees in Stanley Park and explore the events and changes that they have experienced over their long lives. The hike will leave from the famous "Hollow Tree" on the west side of the park.



Seal pup near Sea Wall (photo by Peter Kerr)



November 4 - Seeing the Forest for the Trees

Want to turn over a new leaf, get to the root of the matter, or learn the secrets of success (ion)? Explore the history and importance of Stanley Park's forests, their life history and structure, and learn how to identify conifers with naturalist Murray Lashmar.

November 10 – Ivy Busters

**10:00am to 1:00pm*

***November 11 – Remembrance Day – No programming**

November 18 - What plant is that?

Join Biologist David Cook for a 2 hour walk along the trails of Stanley Park to learn some identifying features of the principal trees, shrubs, flowering plants, mosses, liverworts & lichens, and how they all work together in the forest.

November 25 – Birding With Cathy Aitchison

**9:00am to 11:00 am – leaves from the Nature House*

November 25 – Stanley Park Secrets

How much do you really know about this park? Join the Stanley Park Ecology Society for a rather revealing hike as we discover some of this National Historic Site's secrets – the ones you won't discover on a brochure.

December 8 – Ivy Busters

**10:00am to 1:00pm*

December 9 – The Edge of Winter

Looking for ideas on how to get through the winter? Want to find out how they avoid the mid-winter blahs? Join naturalist Murray Lashmar and find out how other animals and plants do it.

December 16 – Annual Winter Solstice Walk

Join walk leader Jennifer Swanston for an adventure in appreciation that we can all use and probably need.

Job Opportunities:

OFFICE COORDINATOR / BOOKKEEPER

The Stanley Park Ecology Society (SPES) is a community-based not-for-profit organization with a mission to promote awareness of and respect for the natural world by playing a leadership role in the stewardship of Stanley Park through collaborative initiatives in education, research and conservation. SPES is seeking a highly motivated, highly organized individual to manage the office systems, maintain accurate bookkeeping, and support program staff with a diversity of tasks. Reporting to the Executive Director, this person will play a key role in furthering the mission of the society.

DUTIES INCLUDE:

- Maintain QuickBooks accounting: revenues and expenses, accounts payable and receivable
- Prepare and document Payroll for outside sourcing
- Make bank deposits; Reconcile bank statements; provide data for regular Treasurer reports
- Handle GST filing, PST, WCB; assist with Charitable Tax return
- Handle off-site mail receipt and postal delivery; send out public service announcements
- Maintain admin files, office supplies and equipment, popcorn stand inventory and equipment
- General Reception
- Act as Privacy Officer for the society
- Manage membership renewals, maintain current membership database and communications
- Trouble-shoot computers and printers including basic network maintenance and software installation
- Layout and production management of quarterly newsletter, posters, and other print material
- Hire, train, manage and schedule staff for popcorn stand operations; oversee volunteers as applicable

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Solid understanding of basic accounting; Strong bookkeeping skills, preferably in non-profit setting: QuickBooks
- Computer skills: Word, Excel, Photoshop, Access; Illustrator an asset
- Highly organized, flexible, efficient and attentive to details with the ability to manage multiple priorities
- Self-directed, self-motivated, a creative solution-seeker
- Value the environmental mission of the organization
- Excellent writing and communication skills; maintain confidentiality of information
- Class 5 Drivers License an asset
- Web design / maintenance an asset

POSITION: Full time Permanent; 4 days / 30 hours per week
LOCATION: Stanley Park, Vancouver, BC
APPLICATION DEADLINE: September 14, 2007 (early applications encouraged)
WEBSITE: www.stanleyparkecology.ca

HOW TO APPLY: MAIL OR EMAIL ONLY. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE
Patricia Thomson, Executive Director
Stanley Park Ecology Society
PO Box 5167 Vancouver, BC V6B 4B2
exec@stanleyparkecology.ca

Please put job title "Office Coordinator" and your name in Subject Heading (e.g. Office Coordinator - Joe Smith). We thank all candidates but only those receiving an interview will be contacted.

Job Opportunities (cont'd):

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR

Stanley Park Ecology Society

Position: Contract

Location: Vancouver, BC

Posting date: August 8, 2007

Deadline: posting open until position filled

Website: www.stanleyparkecology.ca

Description

The Stanley Park Ecology Society (SPES) is a community-based not-for-profit organization dedicated to encouraging stewardship of our natural world through environmental education and action. SPES is seeking two highly motivated individuals to assist in the delivery of innovative curriculum-based school programs and engaging public programs, both in Stanley Park and in the classroom. Working out of the Dining Pavilion in Stanley Park and reporting to the School Programs Manager and the Public Programs Manager, these positions will play a key role in furthering the profile and mission of the society.

Duties:

- Lead nature education programs for elementary schools, community groups and the public.
- Book school and community group programs and carry out associated administration.
- Update, maintain and design program materials and equipment.
- Assist in the promotion of programs and other duties as needed.

Hours: Full time, 30 hours per week

Start Date: Sept. 4 or 10, 2007

Duration: Sept. 2007 through June 2008, with possibility of extension

Qualifications

- Degree or diploma in biology/environmental studies or equivalent knowledge of BC ecology.
- Experience teaching or leading groups of children - an education degree is a strong asset.
- Excellent leadership, organization, teamwork and communication skills.
- Willingness to perform active work outdoors, rain or shine.
- Experience in outdoor education or nature interpretation.
- Proficiency with word-processing, database entry and email on a PC.
- First Aid certification, BC driver's license and criminal record check required.

Funding for these positions is wage-subsidy dependent and preference may be given to applicants who have received EI in the last three years and/or are under age 30. Please indicate the above in your cover letter.

How to apply

Email or mail applications only - no phone calls please.

Apply to: **Mia Torr, School Programs Manager**

school@stanleyparkecology.ca

Stanley Park Ecology Society

PO Box 5167 Vancouver, BC V6B 4B2

<http://www.stanleyparkecology.ca/>

For email applications, put job title - "Environmental Educator" - and your name in Subject Heading. Send one Word or PDF file as an attachment containing both your cover letter and resume - the file must be named using your first and last name only (e.g. SandySmith.doc)

We thank all candidates but only those receiving an interview will be contacted.

🔍 SPES Volunteers Enjoy:

The SPES Volunteer Program is dedicated to giving our volunteers a quality experience. It features:

- Regular training opportunities at low or no cost
- Free admission to Sunday guided EcoWalks
- A reduced membership fee
- An opportunity to be part of an interesting group of people who are dedicated to encouraging stewardship of the natural world and connecting people with nature

A SPECIAL REMINDER TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

Please remember to submit your volunteer hours. This is very important for our records as well as for funding purposes. You can do this electronically at the end of each month - if you need a copy of the tally sheet, please contact us and we will be happy to supply you with one.

🌟 Special for Our Volunteers:

As a Park-Perk, the Stanley Park Ecology Society (SPES) extends a special invitation to its volunteers to get onboard SPES membership for the discounted Volunteer rate of only \$10!

Membership also includes:

- Quarterly Newsletters from the heart of Stanley Park
- Discounted Admission on all SPES programs and events
- Other perks from Park partners

To register for memberships, or for more information, contact **604-257-6908** or info@stanleyparkecology.ca

🔍 Meet SPES's Staff And Board:

SPES Staff:

Executive Director:	Patricia Thomson
Development Coordinator	Lorraine Toor
School Programs:	Mia Torr
Public Programs:	Jarrid Jenkins
Urban Wildlife:	Robyn Worcester
Volunteer and Nature House Coordinator:	Koren Johnstone
Popcorn Sales:	Norm Andreassen

SPES Board of Directors:

Brett Horton, Judy Chui, Judith MacPherson, Brian Herrin, Angie Gerst, Danny Catt, John Gray, Patricia Stevens, Denise Pritchard, Shiloh Bouvette, Amy Li, Paula Ramsay.