



Macdonald-Headingley
RECREATION DISTRICT

JOB DESCRIPTION
POP-UP ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND
PLAY AMBASSADOR

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| POSITION TYPE: | Full Time - Seasonal (July – August) |
| REPORTS TO: | Macdonald-Headingley Recreation District Project & Program Coordinator |
| HOURS: | 35 hours per week Monday – Friday but could involve some evenings and weekends |
| RATE OF PAY: | \$12.00 - 14.00 per hour |
| PROGRAM LOCATION: | Communities throughout the Macdonald-Headingley Recreation District |
| DEADLINE TO APPLY: | April 24, 2020 |

DESCRIPTION

The Pop Up-Adventure Playground is a new initiative of the Macdonald-Headingley Recreation District (MHRD). It consists of creating a play experience involving loose parts for children to explore without adult intervention. Under the guidance of the MHRD, the Play Ambassador will work as part of a team to assist with planning, facilitating and delivery of pop-up adventure playground activities and other recreation programs.

Role and Responsibilities:

- Assist with the planning, implementation and evaluation of the Pop-Up Adventure Playground
- As a member of the MHRD team, contribute to maintaining the Adventure Playground as an inclusive, welcoming and child led environment
- Be responsive to a range of play types, behaviours and experiences and allow children control and autonomy over the content and intent of their play; whilst challenging behaviour in children that impact the experience and enjoyment of other children
- To be a resource for children’s play, adopting a “minimum intervention, maximum response” approach to play engagement and maintenance
- Be an enthusiastic and positive role model to children and Leaders in Training Volunteers

- To contribute proactively and practically to the safe running of the Playground by conducting health and safety checks and undertaking manual tasks as needed
- To encourage children to play adventurously, creatively and imaginatively, and to enable them to obtain the full benefit of the Playground
- To be actively involved in all aspects of the Pop-Up Adventure Playground
- Assist in the daily maintenance and clean up of program supplies
- Commit to pre-playground training and 9 weeks of Pop-Up Adventure Playground
- Support children with problem solving, compatibility and conflict resolution
- Represent the Macdonald-Headingley Recreation District and practise exceptional customer service practices

WORK ENVIRONMENT

- Physically demanding; must be able to maintain physical activity with children, leading and coaching through exercises and programs
- Supervising children in the outdoors in all weather environments

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

- Effective verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to foster and lead a positive and cooperative work environment
- Knowledge and skills in a variety of program areas (i.e. outdoor play, sports, games, art, etc.)
- Ability to maintain administrative records
- Ability to handle injuries and high emotion situations with children

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Experience coordinating, implementing and supervising children's recreational and/or outdoor programming
- A self-starter with the ability to work independently
- Experience leading and interacting with groups of children, within a range of ages
- Valid First Aid Certificate
- Clear Criminal Record and Child Abuse Registry checks
- Degree or diploma in Early Childhood Education, Recreation and Leisure, or Education would be considered an asset
- Experience supervising and coordinating staff and/or volunteers would be an asset
- Team player with a positive attitude
- Access to transportation