

## **AVALANCHE CANADA JOB POSTING**

### **Youth Outreach and Education Provider**

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#### **Position Summary**

We are accepting applications for a Youth Outreach and Education Provider in the East Kootenay region. Successful applicants preferably reside in Invermere, Kimberley or in close proximity to these communities. This is a two week contract to be completed in November or by mid-December.

Avalanche Canada has successfully delivered avalanche education and winter awareness programs to students in communities across BC, Alberta, and the Yukon. Our goal is to reach students from K–12 with age-appropriate curriculum and training to help prepare them for their initial steps into the backcountry. As a Youth Educator, you are required to deliver interactive and fun presentations on winter safety that are relevant for ski hills, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, and backcountry skiing/snowboarding. Moving up through the grades, the goal is to bring the concepts of recognizing avalanche terrain, introducing avalanche safety gear, reading the Avalanche Forecast, the Mountain Weather Forecast, and using the Mountain Information Network. This information supports students with early awareness and preparation to continue learning while promoting a healthy outdoor lifestyle. Our presentation packages are offered in-person at schools and virtually.

As a Youth Educator you must be enthusiastic and passionate about the outdoors and mountain safety as well as fulfil the vision, mission and mandate of Avalanche Canada.

#### **Principle Duties and Responsibilities**

- Experience working with youth.
- Pass a criminal record check.
- Teaching, public speaking, and visual media communication skills.
- Highly effective interpersonal and presentation skills, both in-person and virtually, to all ages of students from Kindergarten through Grade 12.
- Able to work remotely and on an individual basis.
- Ability to travel to various communities for work using personal vehicle. Mileage is paid.
- Backcountry and frontcountry outdoor recreationalist and/ or professional.

#### **Essential Qualifications**

- Minimum Avalanche Skills Training Level 2 (AST), or preferred CAA Ops Level 1.
- Possess and maintain a valid driver's license.
- Have a personal computer in good working order with an excellent understanding of use and troubleshooting IT issues on the spot with presentation set-up.
- Have a good understanding of the platforms we use to support our programs.
  - Avalanche Canada Website
  - Google Drive
  - Microsoft Office
  - Zoom, Google Meet

#### **Desired Qualifications and Attributes**

- Bilingual or French language skills
- Teaching degrees and or diplomas/ certifications
- Ski Patrollers
- CAA Member
- ACMG/ CSGA Guide Certification or aspiring guides

**About Avalanche Canada**

Avalanche Canada is a non-government, not-for-profit charitable organization, responsible for public avalanche safety in Canada. We issue daily avalanche forecasts throughout the winter for much of the mountainous regions of western Canada and Newfoundland, providing this free information via our website and our app, Avalanche Canada Mobile. We also coordinate and deliver avalanche awareness and education programs, provide curriculum and support to instructors of the Avalanche Canada Training programs, act as a central point-of-contact for avalanche safety information, and work closely with many different avalanche research projects, both at home and abroad.

**For more information or to apply**

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