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Summer Employment Opportunity for iRide Coaches that are post-secondary students

Trips for Kids Vancouver Society (TFK), Vancouver's oldest bike charity, is seeking to partner more actively with iRide and is looking for 1-2 coaches to run a limited number of rides or multi-day learn-to-mountain programming in Vancouver for August.

TFK has its own mountain bike fleet and trailer based in East Vancouver and the ideal candidates simply have availability and the flexibility to run single or multi day programming in August around their current commitments. We've run our Summer Rides program every summer since 2018. Arc'teryx is a new sponsor for this year so collaboration with staff in their North Van store for early afternoon programming at Seymour Demonstration Forest is also a possibility.

Ideally, what an August would look like is:

- You run one or two multi-day or full-week learn-to mountain bike sessions with youth from East Vancouver and TFK would help to attract youth with barriers from our partner organizations.
- You organize some other one-off rides during the week, weekend or late afternoon (i.e. starting at 3pm) with some individual partner organizations who are interested. Organize around your schedule.

We have fully funded post-secondary student and high school student positions so there is a larger opportunity to help administer and set-up the program if you're looking for work.

Ideal candidates have:

- a) a Class 4 Driver's Licence;
- b) first aid certification; and
- c) were full-time post-secondary students for at least the Jan-Apr 2018 winter session, under 30 years of age and Canadian citizens (so we can qualify for a federal job grant).

Being a qualified coach is not a prerequisite. If necessary, having a Class 4 Driver's License will not be required if staff can if partner agencies can transport youth to the trailhead. You would just need to transport the bikes.

Having deep mountain bike experience is also not a prerequisite. "Cycling in the Woods" is more what we do.

Being a registered post-secondary student (e.g. University or College) in the last school year is a must, as the positions are mostly funded by a Federal Student Jobs Grant.

TFK's mandate is to provide access to the outdoors for Vancouver youth with barriers and our model is to partner with underserved East Vancouver community centres, youth agencies and neighbourhood houses and provide access for youth with barriers to experience the joy of biking. Most participants are on a mountain bike for the first time and our ride destinations are generally the UBC woods, Seymour Demonstration Forest, Stanley Park or Delta Watershed.

Coaches would be hired as TFK staff for the summer and compensated on an hourly basis. We've typically paid \$16/hour and up depending on Staff's experience and tenure. You would also be responsible for coordinating and finalizing the ride schedule but we would help with this.

If you're interested, please email or call Andre at 604-837-2995 or andre@tfkvancouver.org to discuss in person and let's see what we can make happen.

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Job Title:	<i>Trips for Kids August Rides Coaches</i>
Employment Term:	Temporary Full-Time – June-ish – Aug 24 th
Compensation:	Hourly Wage Competitive and Dependent on Experience But typically starts at \$16.00/hour and up Dependent on Experience

Note – the August coaching position will be a reduced version of our typical Ride Coordinator position for a full June-August program we've provided below for reference.

Overview of Typical Full Summer Ride Coordinator Position

Job Purpose

The Ride Coordinator will assist in the implementation and delivery of the Trips for Kids spring and summer rides programs. Specific tasks are diverse and engaging, and may vary depending on the initiative and abilities of the applicant. Generally the role involves working closely with the Program Coordinator who is primarily responsible for managing and executing the 2018 summer rides program, as well as facilitating, leading and organizing rides with partner youth agencies and community centers.

Duties and Responsibilities – Ride Coordinator

- Assist in the development and implementation of the rides schedule for the summer programs
- Participate in **all** scheduled rides, bookings and events
- Assist Board of Directors with various administrative duties
- Maintain bicycles, and all applicable program equipment
- Coordinate nutritional needs for program participants
- Coordinate transportation of participants and gear
- Share knowledge of biking skills and trail etiquette
- Create a safe, friendly and fun environment for all ride participants
- Foster relationships with current and potential community partners
- Assist in facilitating and developing Youth Leaders Club
- Assist with various other administrative duties as needed
- Plan and coordinate learning themes, components and activities
- Share knowledge of mountain biking skills and trail etiquette
- Create a safe, friendly and fun environment for all ride participants
- Transport partner and community youth and leaders in safe manner in the 15 Passenger Van
- Maintain and repair the Trips for Kids Bike Fleet
- Safeguard and Protect the Trips for Kids Bike Fleet

Mandatory Qualifications

- Valid Class 4 BC Drivers License. TFKV will work with candidates to ensure they attain their Class 4, it is not mandatory that candidates need a Class 4 to apply.
- Current First Aid and CPR certification
- A criminal record check is mandatory
- Intermediate to Advanced Mountain Bike Riding skills preferable. If you are a strong biker (i.e. bike commuter or road rider) this is great too.
- Some basic bike Mechanic Skills

Other Qualifications

- Previous experience facilitating youth, especially in outdoor recreation-skills based environment is an asset
- Previous experience teaching or coaching youth in sports or team environment is an asset
- Previous experience in program coordinator role is an asset

Organization Description

In the spring of 2001, Trips for Kids Vancouver became the first Canadian chapter of a non-profit organization that started in Marin County, California in 1986. Trips for Kids mandate is to take kids biking and prepare them for life.

Our organization's aim is to provide access to the outdoors for inner city youth with a number of barriers – social, cultural, economic and geographic. We are run by a volunteer board of directors are searching for summer staff who share our same passion.

Summer Rides Program Description

2018 will be Trips for Kids 18th Summer Rides Program in Vancouver. The Program involves partnering with community centers, neighborhood houses and youth agencies in Central and East Vancouver to provide a structured mountain bike program with various agencies. Trips for Kids' mandate is to take kids biking. In previous summers, we have created the opportunity for over 500 youth with barriers to accessing the outdoors each summer to participate in rides in Pacific Spirit Park, Seymour Demonstration Forest, Delta Watershed, Squamish and Whistler.