



Ozhaawashkwaa Animikii-Bineshi Aki Onji Kinimaagae' Inun

Blue Thunderbird Land-Based Teachings Learning Centre

1985-A Grassmere Road | Treaty 1 Territory
West St Paul, | Manitoba | R4A6A3 | 204-338-7991 ext. 50020

2023 Aki Centre Summer Position Posting:

- Position:** Land Steward Lead
Placement: June through August 2023
Hours: 20-25 hours/week in June, 35 hours/week in July and August.
Eligibility: Applicants must be 15 to 29 years old, legally entitled to work in Canada and have a valid Social Insurance Number. If 15 years of age, a Young Worker Readiness Certificate is required.

Description:

Ozhaawashkwaa Animikii-Bineshi Aki Onji Kinimaagae' Inun (or "Aki Centre") provides opportunities for land-based learning as part of the Kindergarten to Grade 12 and adult learning experience in the Seven Oaks School Division. Rooted in Indigenous ways of knowing and being, we foster reconciliation by braiding Land-based education, ecological restoration, and community stewardship. Ecosystems and human cultures are interconnected, so we walk with people as they strengthen their relationships with the land, each other, and themselves through participating in a prairie restoration, wetland restoration, composting and gardening.

The Land Steward Lead will support the stewardship of 35 acres of tall grass prairie restoration, a 5 acre remnant tall grass prairie, a wetland restoration, Indigenous prairie plant educational gardens and a vegetable garden. Work will be almost exclusively outdoors and done both as a team and independently under the direction of the Operations Coordinator and the Program and Land Stewardship Coordinator. The Land Steward Lead will be expected to model good work habits, self-care, and provide direction and feedback on tasks for two junior summer staff.

This stewardship involves:

- Watering - vegetable garden, Indigenous plant gardens, trees and shrubs.
- Weeding by hand or hoe - vegetable garden, Indigenous plant gardens, and remnant prairie.
- Mowing – Zero-turn riding lawn mower.
- Trimming - weed trimmer for weed control.
- Greenhouse plant care - potting up plants and watering.
- Planting - planting Indigenous prairie plants into gardens and restoration areas.
- Harvesting seeds - from Indigenous prairie plants and vegetables.
- Mulching - vegetable garden, trees and shrubs.
- Compost Management - turning compost piles (shoveling).
- Tool Care - cleaning tools after use.
- Harvesting vegetables - harvest, wash, and packaging.

We are looking for a person who:

- Has experience with gardening, landscaping or conservation.
- Has experience mentoring others in a work, volunteer or school setting.
- Is passionate about environmental stewardship, growing food and other plants, exploring cultural and historic connections to land.
- Enjoys spending every day outdoors and doing physical work.
- Is eager to use a combination of mental and physical energy to complete their land stewardship responsibilities.
- Comes prepared with proper protective wear (provided), clothing, food, water and a good attitude.
- Shows initiative, pays attention to detail, puts care into their work and asks questions when unsure.

The successful applicant will require reliable transportation to 1985 Grassmere Road in West St Paul, MB (no public transportation available).

TO APPLY:

Please submit a resume and cover letter to applications@7oaks.org

Attention: Alex Loeppky

with **“Land Steward Lead”** in the email subject line

by Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.

Interviews will be scheduled on a rolling basis as applications are received and will occur at 1985 Grassmere Rd, West St Paul.

The Seven Oaks School Division is pleased to accept all applications; however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

Employment is conditional upon successful clearance through [Child Abuse Registry](#) and [Criminal Records \(Vulnerable Sector\) Checks](#), as well as completion of the [Respect in School](#) (online) Program. Responsibility for acquiring these lies with the employee.

Seven Oaks School Division is committed to building an inclusive and diverse workforce. Reasonable accommodations are available for any candidate who may experience barriers during the interview process. Please contact [Alex Loeppky](#) to arrange reasonable accommodations.