

## **Job Posting – Environmental Education Research Assistant**

**Background:** Within rural lake communities there is growing public concern over water quality. That growing concern needs to be met with a proactive, cooperative, and community based approach to address and correct watershed and shoreline management issues. Helping landowners better understand shoreline ecology will enable them to develop an ethic, and actions, that support healthy watersheds.

*The Living by Water Project (LbyW)* focuses on the relationship between natural shorelines and shoreline communities by ensuring that permanent or seasonal residents have the knowledge and tools necessary to understand their effect on fisheries, habitat or wildlife resources and water quality in their communities.

**LbyW Program:** The Home-site Consultation Program consists of confidential home visits by home-site technicians who work with interested waterfront residents to identify changes which could be made to their waterfront property (house, yard and shoreline) to improve environment-friendliness.

**The Federation of Alberta Naturalists (FAN)** was founded in 1970 when six regional naturalist clubs came together for the good of both their collective membership and Alberta's natural history. Since the charter clubs federated, FAN has grown to include 30 clubs, representing over 4000 members, from all corners of the Province. FAN's greatest strength is in its volunteer members, who, in a variety of ways work toward FAN's vision that: *Alberta's natural heritage is widely enjoyed, deeply appreciated, and thoroughly protected.*

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We are seeking highly motivated, enthusiastic individuals to help in the delivery of the Home-site Consultation. Ideal candidates will research information on a variety of topics including jurisdiction, septic systems, co-existing with wildlife, and native plants. Individuals must have the ability to learn quickly, be creative, and work well in team settings. Excellent organizational, research, and communication skills are required.

**Qualifications:** Candidates must show proficiency in navigating the internet, Microsoft Word, and Microsoft PowerPoint. Preference will be given to those individuals who have recently graduated and are continuing their education at a post secondary institution. All candidates must be returning to school in the fall.

**Qualifications:**

Work term: 9 weeks.

Salary: \$8.50 per hour **Start date: July 4, 2006.**

**Send cover letter and résumé to:**

Federation of Alberta Naturalist

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