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Job Posting: Summer Food Programs Leader July-August 2026

Strathcona Community Centre is seeking a community-minded individual with an interest in food and food security to support the Centre's summer food programs. The Summer Food Programs Leader will be primarily responsible for planning and preparing breakfasts and lunches for 20–25 youth per day, including menu planning, shopping, food preparation, and cleanup. The Lead will also assist with the Food Box Program (Backpack) on Thursdays and Fridays in July and will work on a summer food zine, which may include recipes, stories, resources, or drawings.

This position reports to the Food Security Manager and works closely with the Community Food Coordinator.

Start Date: June 29th- August 21st 2026 9 weeks
Rate of Pay \$20.25/hour 30 hrs per week
Monday-Friday: 8:30am-3:00pm

Duties and tasks:

- Prepare breakfasts and lunches for 20-25 youth per day
- Plan weekly menu and shop for ingredients (Instacart available)
- Prepare food for 1-2 special summer events
- Set up and maintain a clean and hygienic kitchen environment
- Wash dishes and maintain a tidy kitchen throughout the day
- Provide hands-on support for weekly Food Box Program in July which includes setting up tables, packing boxes of food, volunteer coordination and distributing food
- Create a summer Food Zine featuring recipes, food-related topics and stories
- Ensure all food safe practices are met during programs
- Interact with and support families participating in the program
- Complete any other activities mutually agreed upon

Qualifications:

We are looking for someone with the following qualifications, however we value a willingness to learn and are happy to provide training for the right candidate

- Interest in food security, food systems and food justice, and how food programs support community well-being



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- Experience preparing meals for youth and confidence working independently in a kitchen
- Strong organizational skills and ability to plan, prioritize and manage tasks throughout the day
- Confident using Microsoft Word or templates
- Familiarity with the Strathcona neighbourhood is strongly preferred
- Experience working with people from diverse cultures and economic backgrounds
- Excellent communication skills for interacting with families, volunteers and community members
- Works well in a team but is also comfortable working alone
- Fluency in a second language an asset, especially Arabic, Cantonese, or Mandarin
- Ability to lift 40 lbs
- Certification in Food Safe Level 1 or willingness to obtain it.
- Complete a Criminal Record Check

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- be between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of the employment;
- be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* for the duration of the employment; and,
- have a valid Social Insurance Number at the start of employment and be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations.

To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to amy.weeks@vancouver.ca, with subject heading "Summer Food Programs Leader". Application deadline is Sunday May 3rd, 2026