



## BLUE THUNDERBIRD

Land-based Teachings  
Learning Centre

### 2020 Aki Centre Summer Job Posting

**Position:** Student Land Steward

**Hours:** 35 hour/week, 7 hours/day

**Compensation:** \$12/hr

**Placement:** 7 weeks (33 work days or 231 work hours) between July 1 and August 28

**Eligibility:** Youth aged 15 to 29, living in Manitoba, legally entitled to work in Canada, have a valid Social Insurance Number, and have a Young Worker Readiness Certificate if 15 years of age

**Application Deadline:** Submit Cover Letter and Resume by **4pm on Wednesday, June 17, 2020.**

#### Who we are:

Ozhaawashkwaa Animikii-Bineshi Aki Onji Kinimaagae' Inun, Blue Thunderbird Land-based Teachings Learning Centre, is a 49-acre place of learning that delivers land-based, trans-curricular educational opportunities as a part of Kindergarten to Grade 12 experience. This is a place for students to create sustainable and meaningful connections to the land, each other, and to enrich learning through hands-on experiences. The site features a Tipi, Sweat Lodge, in-vessel composting, edible gardens, medicinal gardens, model prairie gardens, a tree nursery, cover crops, a 30-acre tallgrass prairie restoration, and a remnant prairie.

Educational themes and topics are informed and guided by [Education for Sustainable Development](#), [Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action](#), the [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#), and the [Earth Charter](#). Engagements include and expand upon four core themes: growing food and nutrition, land stewardship, cultural and historic connection to the land, and well-becoming. Together, we work to reshape our relationship to the land and to each other to create a resilient and healthy community.

#### Position Summary:

The Student Land Steward supports the care, maintenance, and diversification of the landscape and provides activity support for participating summer programs. This position reports to the Program Co-ordinator and Assistant Co-ordinator, working collaboratively and independently on the landscape. We are looking for an individual who is passionate about environmental sustainability initiatives, growing food, eating local foods, exploring cultural and historic connections to land, and who loves spending everyday outdoors using a combination of mental and physical energy to invest in land stewardship.

#### Responsibilities:

Summer responsibilities align with our land stewardship plan on our 49-acres. These include maintaining an edible garden, a model prairie, the circle garden, trees and shrubs, engaging in invasive weed control, and harvesting foods and tallgrass prairie seeds.

- Vegetable garden: Weeding, mulching, watering, harvesting and storing
- Model Prairie: Planting, watering, weeding

- Tipi and Sweat Lodge gardens: Planting, weeding, mulching, watering
- Invasive weed control: hand pulling weeds, hand hoeing, using a trimmer or mower
- Tree and Shrub Planting: Planting, watering, mulching and weeding
- Harvesting seeds from Indigenous plants (from the remnant prairie)
- Potting up seedlings, watering nursery plants
- Assisting with summer programs: Setting up and taking down supplies and equipment, cleaning tools, tidying up
- Flexible to attend to needs as they arise and to prioritize according to the weather

**Preferred skills and experience:**

- Great team player, positive attitude, willing to try new things
- Independent, will use instruction and demonstration to guide independent work
- Takes initiative, eager to contribute to assigned tasks and notices work to be done
- Ability to work outdoors all day
- Ability to bend, squat, kneel, and lift up to 25 lbs
- Organized, is able to plan and adjust to perform tasks efficiently
- Self-Care, is able to organize oneself to bring sufficient food, snacks, sunscreen, water, and protective wear to site everyday
- Shows initiative, pays attention to details, puts care and consideration into their work
- Confident to ask questions
- Comfortable using hand tools, manual and gas operated
- Landscaping and gardening experience is an asset

**To submit your application:**

Please apply with your resume and a one-page cover letter by **4pm on Wednesday, June 17, 2020**. Interviews are set on a rolling basis, so apply as soon as you can.

Submit applications to [Alexandra.loepky@7oaks.org](mailto:Alexandra.loepky@7oaks.org)

Email subject line: FIRST NAME\_LAST NAME\_StudentLandSteward

Only successful applicants will be contacted for interviews.

Thank you and good luck!