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Forest Guardians Program Frequently Asked Questions

ABOUT

Forest Guardians is a 6-week, indigenous forestry training program delivered by Stillwater Consulting. Through this field-based program, students will gain hands-on experience, industry-recognized certifications and valuable networking opportunities with local employers. Graduates will come out of the program with a wide variety of skills and experience that will help them pursue a career as Forest Guardians in the heart of their communities' traditional territory. This program includes a fully funded training wage over the duration of the program.





FAQ

When does the training take place?

This 6-week program will take place from January 17, 2022 to March 4, 2022 in Mission, BC with field activities conducted in the surrounding forest land.

Where does the training take place?

The training is based in Mission, BC and the surrounding area.

Who is a good fit for this program?

This program is an incredible training opportunity for motivated individuals who are interested in becoming Forest Guardians in the heart of their communities' traditional territory. No previous experience is required, however an interest in and enjoyment of the outdoors is a must. As much of this training will be hands-on and practical in nature, this program is a good fit for those who prefer a non-traditional learning environment outside of a classroom setting.

What does the training cover?

Participants will come out of the program with a number of valuable skills and certifications including:

- Occupational First Aid - Level 1 & Transportation Endorsement
- Basic Chainsaw Operator
- Forestry Field Studies, including:
 - Species Identification
 - Basic Ecology
 - Cultural Plant Identification
 - Map & Compass
 - Silviculture
 - Stream Classification & Riparian Management
 - Forest Health
 - GPS, GIS & Data Collection
 - Timber Cruising
- Wildland Firefighting & Fire Smart Courses including:
 - S100 Basic Fire Suppression and Safety
 - S185 Fire Entrapment Avoidance
 - S232/211 Pumps and Water Delivery
 - Fire Smart 101
- Archaeology and CMT Inventory
- Canadian Safety Council ATV and UTV Off-Road Vehicle Operation
- Wildlife Danger Tree Assessor – Forest Harvesting and Silviculture
- Bear Aware
- Team building, Leadership & Work Readiness

What kinds of jobs do graduates tend to get?

This program prepares graduates for a wide range of potential employment opportunities including (but not limited to):

- Environmental and Fire Patrols in the Territory
- Providing Cultural Interpretation to the Public
- Archaeology Field Technician
- Managing for Cultural Trees and Plants
- Junior Environmental or Forestry Technician
- Local FireSmart Representative
- Recreation Trail Building & Maintenance

What gear is provided as part of the program?

First aid kit, whistle, compass, safety glasses, tree planting shovel, caulk boots, hard hat, gloves, cruiser vest, rain jacket, rain pants, measuring tape and calculator.

