Locomotive Technician 2021

Job Description

This dual-focused role ensures the smooth operation of both front-of-house activities as well as our conservation and maintenance activities. It includes conducting a range of excellent quality public tours, mainly focused on our historic train. The Locomotive Technician is also responsible for maintaining the Atlas’ 1930s electric mining locomotive, and the site’s underground tour safety equipment. All duties must be performed in compliance with the Atlas’ occupational health & safety policies and to a high standard throughout the employment period.

Responsibilities:

1) Learn the history of coal mining in the Drumheller Valley, including the work and home life of the miners, the technical operation of the Atlas, and the social context in which the mines operated.

2) Learn to effectively perform public tours (public programming), using Atlas Coal Mine program outlines and interpretation standards. Training and tour development will be supported by the curator and line managers.

3) Present high-quality public programming, as outlined in daily schedules. This programming will be mainly focused on train tours, but also may include specialty tours, industry familiarity (‘FAM’) tours and privately booked group tours, as required. All tours will follow specific protocols to mitigate COVID-19 and guides are responsible for public compliance of these protocols.

4) Sanitizing the train and cars between all tours.

5) Perform locomotive maintenance duties including, but not limited to, wet cell battery maintenance, differential lubrication, electric contact cleaning, axle greasing, troubleshooting, rerailing, and maintaining logs on all work completed, including daily inspection logs.

6) Perform maintenance on underground safety equipment, duties include but are not limited to wet cell battery maintenance, inspecting safety helmets, and replacing disposable batteries.

7) Assisting in the upkeep of a clean and welcoming workspace, by keeping the work areas and tools clean and ready for the next person.

8) Assisting to keep both public and staff washrooms in a clean and sanitary manner, strictly following the Atlas’ COVID-19 mitigation policies.

9) Carefully following all safety protocols on the worksite, including all COVID-19 mitigation policies.

10) As we are a small team at the Atlas, assisting others with tasks may be required throughout the job term.

Qualifications, Experience, and Competencies:

We require at least one year of post-secondary education, preferably in archaeology, museum studies, engineering, theatre technician, or a closely related discipline. Basic first-aid certification is required prior to the first day of work. CSA approved steel-toed footwear is required. A valid driver’s license is required. A positive, flexible, caring attitude is necessary, and we expect all Atlas employees to take care of themselves, their teammates, and our visitors throughout their work term. A strong willingness to learn new skills in a challenging, complex work environment is required. Some mechanical aptitude would be an asset.

We thrive in a diverse work environment, and encourage all qualified applicants to apply.

Work Environment and Compensation:
The Atlas is an outdoor historic industrial site in a rural location. All site buildings are designated historic resources. Work conditions can be challenging at times, due to the nature of the site and the Drumheller environment (extreme heat during the summer, difficult local terrain, historic buildings). The job requires crouching, stretching, and occasional lifting of up to 20kg.

Locomotive Technician will work a rotating schedule, including weekends. The Locomotive Technician will work 37.5 hours a week, and hours per week will not normally exceed 44.

Rate of pay is $17.00/hour.

To apply, please email with cover letter and resume to recruitment@atlascoalmine.ab.ca (ATTN: Jay Russell) and reference the job post in the subject line.

Application Deadline: Sunday, February 28th, 2021

All seasonal posts are grant dependent and preference will be given to applicants eligible for Young Canada Works (YCW) funding. Check your eligibility for YCW here.

All candidates must be legally entitled to work in Canada.

The Atlas Coal Mine National Historic Site is committed to an equitable, diverse, and inclusive workforce. We welcome application from all qualified persons. We encourage women; First Nations, Métis and Inuit persons; members of visible minority groups; persons with disabilities; persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity and expressions; and all those who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas at the Atlas to apply. We thank all who express interest in this position, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.