

# PROJECT 2B – O.W.L Raptors Rehabilitation, Vancouver

This volunteer wildlife rescue center is located 30km of Vancouver, in Delta. During the spring, summer, fall and winter the wildlife rescue centre cares for and rehabilitates Eagles, Owls, Hawks, Falcons, Osprey and Vultures. The centre is located in a semi-rural area, but is close to a very popular tourist town where many people like to visit. Tourists, families and celebrities visit the area because of the serene wildlife management area and birdwatching, with lots of beaches and park nearby.

## **THE VOLUNTEER JOB**

Volunteers at the wildlife rescue centre will be involved in a variety of tasks from preparing meals for birds, feeding, assisting with rescue and release of wildlife, cleaning cages, food record keeping, lawn care, cage maintenance, general repairs, preparing educational materials, assisting in fundraising events, and various administrative tasks. Volunteers need to remember that this job is labour intensive and some duties require working outdoors in wet, muddy, or cold conditions. Volunteers must be minimum 18 years old. Up to date tetanus shot within the last 5 years.

## **HOURS OF WORK AND FREE TIME**

Volunteering is 5 days a week, and up to 7 hours per day but some flexibility is possible. Two days off every week will vary depending on how much help they need. Volunteers can also catch a bus to Vancouver with a 45 minute ride. Delta has theatres, parks, trails, stores and restaurants.

## **TRAINING AND SUPERVISION**

Volunteers are trained on-the-job alongside staff. The volunteer may not be allowed to work with certain species during the first week of their training, but will be given responsibility as they learn more. There will be an orientation on the first day to see the property and learn all policies of the centre.

## **IDEAL CANDIDATE PROFILE**

Candidates should be hard working, have a strong interest in working with wildlife and be willing to participate in any jobs that need to be done. Volunteers need to understand that the work is labour intensive. Experience with animals is an asset but not required. Any related education is also an asset (such as biology, wildlife/fisheries education, wildlife rehabilitation), but not required. Volunteers are urged to have up-to-date tetanus shots.

## **ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS**

We do not supply any accommodation options. Volunteers must arrange their own accommodation options. Participants are responsible for their own food. Food can be stored and prepared in the common room, with a fridge and microwave available.

## **TRANSPORTATION TO AND AROUND LOCATION**

Metro Vancouver has a major transit system called Translink. Translink provides bus and skytrain service to most of Metro Vancouver. Monthly bus passes are cost-efficient because if you take the bus at least twice a day, it will save you money. Volunteers are encouraged to buy a used bike as bikes are permitted on the buses and will be useful for the 15 minute walk from the bus stop to the rescue centre.

**ORIENTATION LOCATION:** A general orientation to working in Canada is offered once a month in Vancouver. This orientation is optional. Volunteers who skip this orientation can go straight to the location of the project and orientation materials will be sent to them via email.

**START DATES AND MINIMUM DURATION**

Start dates are flexible and are available year-round because they always need volunteers. Please contact Tamwood/GO International for more details.

**Minimum Duration:** 6 weeks **Deadline to Apply:** at least 8 weeks prior to arrival

