

An Affiliate of the Métis Nation of Alberta

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# Summer Cultural Experience Provider

Location: Métis Crossing, Smoky Lake, AB Closing Date: Until Suitable Candidates Found

Position Status: Seasonal (May – August), Full time (40 hours per week)

#### The Organization

Métis Crossing is Alberta's first major Métis destination where we share and celebrate the Métis culture with all people! With their unique designs that combine both traditional and contemporary Métis craftmanship, The Lodge and the Gathering Centre at Métis Crossing are special blends of comfort, culture, and Métis history. Directly adjacent to the Cultural Gathering Centre, our 40-room boutique Lodge offers scenic views overlooking the majestic North Saskatchewan River, the very route used by our Métis ancestors as they gathered here to trade. The Cultural Gathering Centre is the base for all our cultural and educational programs. The Lodge offers a Bistro for coffee and express breakfast, as well as a Lounge for cocktails and light snacks. Together they are an ideal location for corporate and government retreats as well as family gatherings.

# The Opportunity

Métis Crossing seeks dynamic & expressive individuals for the position of Summer Cultural *Experience Provider*. This is a summer term position with an end date of September 1, 2024. The successful applicants will become key members of the interpretive team. With a passion for culture, *Experience Providers* will implement experiences by engaging, educating, and entertaining visitors. You will play a crucial role in the success of events and the overall quality of the visitor experience at Métis Crossing.

### Key Responsibilities

- Facilitate Métis Cultural Experiences that serve diverse visitor groups.
- Provide exceptional customer service to visitors of Métis Crossing and its programs.
- Assist in the daily operation of the interpretive program including gardening, harvesting, animal care, and demonstrations.
- Assist with events (set up, take down) and with serving guests.
- Assist with the ongoing cleaning and maintenance of the historical homestead and cultural buildings.
- Conduct research on various topics in relation to Métis Culture and history.
- Other duties as required.

#### Skills & Competencies

- Strong oral communication skills.
- Demonstrated ability to listen to public and be responsive to inquiries and comments.

- Experience working with diverse audiences of varying cultural backgrounds, ages, and abilities.
- Ability to master and apply a wide variety of interpretive techniques.
- Demonstrated ability to present cultural information and facilitate program activities.
- Demonstrated ability to speak in front of small and large groups.
- Demonstrated ability to understand and carry out written and oral instructions.
- Flexibility to adjust to changes in schedule and assignments.

## **Preferred Qualifications**

- Experience in teaching, museum interpretation, theatrical performance, or storytelling.
- Strong customer service skills.
- Knowledge of Métis traditions and culture.
- Knowledge of Alberta history and cultural diversity.
- Knowledge of Alberta Métis, past and present

#### Requirements

- Must have experience leading groups.
- Must be Métis.
- Must be returning to school full-time in the Fall 2024.
- Availability to work a mixed schedule of days, evenings, and weekends.
- Able to stand and walk for extended periods and lift and carry moderate loads.
- Ability to work at Métis Crossing in Smoky Lake.
- Clear Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Check required.

#### **Employment Details:**

• Schedule will be based on a 40-hour work week, and will include weekdays, weekends, and holidays.

### What we Offer:

- A rich Indigenous cultural experience.
- Opportunity to work at the first Major Métis cultural destination.
- Personal development & career opportunities.
- Part time or casual employment during the school year.
- Training.

Please send your resume to employmentmc@metis.org

Métis Crossing thanks all applicants for their interest. Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. No phone calls please.