

Louhelen Bahá'í School

"Education is the indispensable foundation of every human excellence"

December 30, 2008

Dearest Friends,

Alláh'u' Abhá!

In this busy season, we're planning all of the wonderful child education programs at Louhelen Bahá'í School and warmly invite you to apply for teaching positions during the upcoming spring, summer, fall and winter sessions. A very important theme for all these programs is sharing God's message with all people. We take inspiration from these words of Ábdúl-Bahá:

"O thou spiritual teacher...Be thou a teacher of love, in a school of unity. Train thou the children of the friends of the Merciful in the rules and ways of His loving-kindness." "May they all, throughout the reaches of the spirit, learn well the hidden mysteries: so well that...each one of them, even as a nightingale endowed with speech, will cry out the secrets of the Heavenly Realm..."

We have enclosed an application for the upcoming year. Your contribution as a teacher represents a magnificent gift of time, energy, and love that is of inestimable value to the school. We thank you for your careful consideration and look forward to exploring service opportunities with you. If any questions arise, please feel free to contact me by telephone at (519) 861-2851 in Canada or by e-mail at essence_tranquility@yahoo.ca .

With loving Bahá'í Greetings,

Debra Vincze
Child Education Program Coordinator

Among the greatest of all services that can possibly be rendered by man to Almighty God is the education and training of children, young plants of the Abha Paradise... -'Abdu'l-Bahá

Louhelen Bahá'í School Co-Teacher Application

Name _____ Bahá'í ID: _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____

Country _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Work Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please include any information pertaining to the following selections regarding your previous experience with children classes and include names of schools you have previously served.

If you have served at Louhelen in the past five years this is not necessary.

Bahá'í Experience

Professional Experience

Core-Curriculum Training

Ruhi Courses

Please share any other information you think is relevant to this application

I would like to apply for the following Sessions:

Please check off one or more sessions

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Oceans of Light | February 6-8, 2009 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Naw Rúz Weekend | March 27-29, 2009 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Life Workshop | April 3-5, 2009 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insights Reunion Conference | May 15-17, 2009 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Persian American Bahá'í Studies | July 3-8, 2009 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends and Family I | July 24- 29, 2009 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends and Family II | July 31 – August 5, 2009 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends and Family III | August 7–12, 2009 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homecoming | September 4-7, 2009 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Irfán | October 9-12, 2009 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Weekend | November 20-22, 2009 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Winter School | December 27-Jan.1, 2010 |

Unable to serve at this time

Age Group Preferred: (Indicate which age group you prefer teaching using (1) as the most preferred choice)

*Please be aware some sessions will require multi-age classes based on attendance.

- 0-2 yrs 3-5 yrs 6-8 yrs 9-11 yrs 12-14 yrs Youth
 Infant Pre-K Level 1 Level 2 Level 3

References:

Please do not use a family reference.

***Not necessary if you have served Louhelen in the past five years.**

1. Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-mail _____

2. Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-mail _____

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ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I need to plan the curriculum?

No. Once teams of teachers have been determined for each classroom, we will send you contact information for your co-teacher and information about downloading the lesson plans from the internet.

Do I need to bring supplies?

We will have the teaching supplies for the lessons on hand at the school. If you wish to bring additional supplies or your own personal items for the room you are welcome to do so.

Since classes are co-taught, do I need to find a teaching partner?

No. The Child Education Coordinator can assemble the teaching team. However, our hope is that most classes can be taught by a married couple or by same-gender teaching teams that might be able to share a bedroom. If you are aware of someone that you would like to co-teach with please encourage them to apply with you.

How do I prepare for the class with my co-teacher?

We encourage you to begin consulting with your co-teacher to plan how you will share responsibilities in the class. We have learned that there are several ways to share these responsibilities: you may take turns leading activities throughout the day, alternate lessons before or after each break and so on. When one teacher is responsible for presenting a lesson, the other teacher provides necessary support, one-on-one attention to the children, or prepares for the next activity.

What are the attendance policies regarding family members?

Fees of your dependent children age 17 and under are waived. Spouses and children over 18 years old are considered adults and pay the normal fees; these are arranged through the registrar. A spouse or an older youth may have an option to serve 8 hours per day on some occasions, based on the needs of the school at the time of the conference. Contact the School at 1 800-894-7496 or Louhelen@usbnc.org to inquire about such service.

What happens when enrollments are low?

Full enrollment is expected for all sessions. However if enrollments are low, we may need to combine classes to achieve the appropriate student teacher ratio. We greatly appreciate your generosity in offering your service and your kind understanding of our circumstances.

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