

Work Experience

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Tuning Up at Norco North Shore – Ray’s Experience as a Bike Mechanic



Ray has always enjoyed working on his bike and riding in the North Shore trails. So, when it was time to select his Work Experience placement, Ray knew he wanted to work at Norco North Shore (NNS) where he hoped to learn about a career as a bike mechanic.

After enjoying hosting a WEX student last year, NNS were happy to host Ray to come and learn more about a career as a bike mechanic and bike builder.

Over the course of the placement, Ray learned a lot about bike maintenance, “my favourite part of working at Norco was that I got a lot better at working on bikes”. Ray discovered that his time at the shop also helped him “understand what it is like to work in a professional environment.”

Norco also enjoyed having Ray join their team, “Ray was a pleasure to have in store. He had a positive work ethic and performed the tasks needed with the utmost attention to detail.”

Fortunately, for Ray and Norco, their relationship has extended beyond the 90-hour placement. Ray is now a paid employee at NNS and he gets to continue to learn while putting into action his new interpersonal, customer service and bike maintenance skills.

If you have a student currently in grade 9-11, it is not too late to add the Work Experience course to their schedule for next year. The course is worth four credits and students gain valuable work experience and opportunities that will help them better determine and understand their career focus. For more information on the course, please contact the WEX Facilitator, Janice Knapp – jknapp@sd44.ca. To add the course, please contact your student’s grade counsellor.