



The Okanagan-Kootenay Sterile Insect Release Program has an opening for **TEAM LEADERS and MATING DISRUPTION CREW**

The Sterile Insect Release (SIR) Program is hiring full-time temporary Team Leaders and Mating Disruption Crew to hang mating disruption lures in orchards from Peachland to Salmon Arm.

The SIR Program is an area-wide, environmentally friendly approach to managing the codling moth in the fruit growing areas of the Okanagan, Similkameen, and Shuswap Valleys where the tree fruit industry plays an important role in the lives of residents and commercial growers. Mating disruption is a pest management tool used in orchards to disrupt the normal mating behaviours of moths, and to prevent the resulting “worm in the apple” that is the codling moth. Codling moth host trees include all apples, pears, crabapples, ornamental crabapples, quince trees and quince shrubs. Please visit our website at www.oksir.org for more information about the SIR Program.

Team Leaders will be responsible for supervising the mating disruption crew from Monday to Friday **8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**, calculating the amount of lures to hang in each orchard block, organizing a route and supplies needed for each day, and other duties as required. Must hold a valid Class 5 driver’s licence, and the ability to drive a standard is preferred. Resumes will be accepted for Team Leaders until **March 12**, with an anticipated start date of **March 19. Wage is \$12.25 per hour.**

Mating Disruption Crew will be responsible for working Monday to Friday **8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**, helping the Team Leader organize and load supplies for each day, following instructions, working as a team, and other duties as required. Holding a valid Class 5 driver’s licence and the ability to drive a standard are preferred. Resumes will be accepted for Mating Disruption Crew until **March 23**, with an anticipated start date of **March 28. Wage is \$10.25 per hour.**

Both positions will require the ability to read and follow maps (orchard and neighbourhood maps), communicate effectively with staff and growers, and complete the physical work required. Both positions are expected to end around **May 4** with the possibility of hire into a seasonal position with the SIR Program.

SIR thanks all applicants for their interest. Only those selected for interviews will be contacted. For those holding a valid driver’s licence, a **Driver’s Abstract will be required at the time of interview.**

Resumes can be sent by email to sirinfo@oksir.org, or by mail to:

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