



JOB POSTING

Position: Seasonal Educator & Camp Counselor

Organization: Seneca Park Zoo Society

Date Posted: March 28, 2018

Applications Due: April 18, 2018

Department: Education

Direct Supervisor: Family Programs Coordinator, School & Group Programs Coordinator

FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

Full-time/Part-time: up to 20 hours per week from April-early June, up to 40 hours per week from late June-August, possibility of limited hours in September; must be available weekends and occasional overnights.

General Summary:

Seasonal educators will facilitate programs that could include classes and field experiences for grades K-12, scout workshops, animal experiences, and overnight programs. Camp counselors provide educational and engaging camp programs for children ages 3-12.

Successful applicants will have experience with a wide range of audiences including children ages 3-17 and a very strong interest in the Zoo's mission. They will demonstrate excellent guest relations and public speaking skills, and be knowledgeable about best practices in teaching and learning. Seasonal education programs take place seven days a week and applicants must be available some weekend days and occasional overnights on Friday and Saturday nights. The schedules for seasonal educators are reliant upon bookings and may range up to 20 hours per week. Camp counselors will have regular hours, Monday-Friday, for the months of July and August.

Responsibilities:

- Facilitate a wide-range of learning experiences for children ages 3-17.
- Provide guided explorations of the Zoo to both small and large groups.
- Learn and facilitate a growing repertoire of programs including scout workshops animal presentations and school field-study workshops.

- Facilitate camp experiences including creative projects, science activities, games, and animal-related experiences.
- Prepare and organize creative projects and other activities for camp.
- Complete check in/out procedures, interact with parents, and facilitate relationships among campers.
- Participate in training and professional development opportunities.
- Maintain good working relationships with teammates and other Zoo staff.
- Communicate clearly and efficiently, both in person and through writing.
- Assist coordinators with other duties, as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Teaching experience with a variety of ages, preferably in an informal setting.
- Interest in and passion for environmental education.
- Working toward or completed degree in education, environmental science, or related field.
- Excellent customer service and problem-solving skills.
- Demonstrates a willingness to be a team player and collaborate with others.
- Must be energetic, flexible, punctual, organized, and professional.
- Flexible availability. Willing to work a varied schedule from April-June, and 40 hours per week from July-August.
- Possession of a valid NYS driver's license is required.
- Must be at least 18 years old.
- The employee is regularly required to lift or move up to 25 pounds and lead groups throughout the Zoo.
- Teaching certification preferred.
- Animal handling experience and/or interest preferred.

Application Instructions:

All interested applicants must submit a current resume and a cover letter describing their qualifications as they relate to the duties of the position. Electronic copies are encouraged and may be submitted to: education@senecazoo.org with Seasonal Educator & Camp Counselor in the subject line or by hard copy to Educator Search, Seneca Park Zoo Society, 2222 St. Paul Street, Rochester, NY 14621. All applications must be received by 5 p.m. on 04/18/2018.

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