



JOB POSTING

Position: **Interpreter**

Organization: **Seneca Park Zoo Society**

Date Posted: **February 27, 2017**

Applications Due: **March 31, 2017**

Department: **Programming and Conservation Action**

Direct Supervisor: **Interpretive Specialists (onsite and outreach)**

FLSA Status: **Non-Exempt**

Full-time/Part-time: **Part Time seasonal (May thru September), 25 – 35 hours per week, available weekends and evenings. Possibility of limited hours October through April**

General Summary

The Seneca Park Zoo Society is seeking a dynamic individual to support the Zoo's mission by inspiring our guests to take conservation action. The Interpreter is responsible for facilitating a variety of programs, both onsite and offsite, along with engaging conversations with guests. Programs consist of public speaking and can include animal handling and training or citizen science action in the field.

Responsibilities

- **Present, support, or facilitate a variety of programs.**
- **Engage, inform and inspire guests throughout the Zoo in the times between scheduled programs.**
- **Work with and clearly communicate with Zoo staff, docents, volunteers, ZooTeens, and other stakeholders to maintain program quality.**
- **Use bio-facts, animal exhibits, interpretives, and labels to engage guests.**
- **Answer guest questions.**
- **Recognize different audience types and adjust engagement strategies accordingly.**
- **Interact with program animals, including training, packing, handling, transporting, and presenting.**
- **Maintain interpretives.**
- **Conduct visitor surveys and studies.**
- **Operating outreach vehicles and golf carts.**
- **Supporting other organizational tasks as needed.**

Qualifications

- A passion for the Zoo's conservation mission
- Experience with public presentations
- Ability to recognize differing audience segments by age, interest, demographics, learning styles, and other characteristics
- Background in education or the natural sciences
- Ability and passion for reaching a variety of audiences.
- Excellent customer service skills.
- Computer literacy with Microsoft Word, Excel. Ability to learn and understand differing computer programs.
- Excellent time management and problem solving skills.
- Ability to work independently, as well as part of a team
- Must maintain on file a TB test no older than 12 months for handling animals.
- Must have a valid NYS Driver's License.
- Must be willing to be trained in animal handling.
- Must be able to lift 40 lbs.
- Must have reliable transportation.

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: rmcdonald@senecazoo.org with Interpreter Position in the subject line or by hard copy to Interpreter Search, Seneca Park Zoo Society, 2222 St. Paul Street, Rochester, NY 14621. All applications must be received by March 31, 2017.

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