



JOB POSTING

Position: **Educator**

Organization: **Seneca Park Zoo Society**

Date Posted: **February 28, 2017**

Applications Due: **March 31, 2017**

Department: **Education**

Direct Supervisor: **Manager of Formal Programs**

FLSA Status: **Non-Exempt**

Full-time/Part-time: **Flexible hours and scheduling, 8-20 hours per week, must be available weekends and occasional overnights.**

General Summary:

Zoo Educators will facilitate programs including classes and field experiences for grades K-12, scout workshops, animal experiences, and overnight programs.

Successful applicants will have experience with a wide range of audiences including children ages 6-17 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. 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 hourly Zoo Educators are reliant upon bookings and may range from 8 to 20 hours per week.

Responsibilities:

- **Facilitate a wide-range of learning experiences for students in grades K-12.**
- **Provide guided explorations of the zoo to both small and large groups.**
- **Provide live animal presentations, with training.**
- **Learn and facilitate a growing repertoire of programs including scout workshops animal presentations and school field-study workshops.**
- **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.**

Qualifications:

- Teaching experience with a variety of ages, K-12.
- Interest in and passion for Environmental Education.
- BS degree in Education, Environmental Science, or related field.
- Animal handling experience and/or interest. Training provided.
- Excellent customer service and problem solving skills.
- Must be collaborative and demonstrate a willingness to be a team player.
- Strong communication and organizational skills.
- Experience teaching in an informal setting preferred.
- Flexible availability, willing to work a varied schedule
- Possess a valid NYS driver's license is required.
- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Teaching certification 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: sshaw@senecazoo.org with Educator 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 03/31/2017.

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