



Mechanic Job Posting

Roger Williams Park Zoo (RWPZ) of Providence, Rhode Island, is one of the nation's oldest zoos, exhibiting over 100 animal species. Our culture is built on our core values -community, fun, innovation, diversity, integrity, sustainability, and excellence. We value our role in the community as a treasured place for families and a trusted resource for learning; we create a sense of community for our staff and contribute to the global conservation community. We provide a fun experience for our guests and believe that a fun environment is essential to create a great workplace. We are willing to take risks, to propose novel ideas and to think "out of the box". Bold dreams are welcome here. We act with respect toward all. We value diversity and are intolerant of bias. Integrity and honesty drive our business practices and our relationships with each other and our constituents. We are driven by our vision of greater sustainability in our environmental practices and in our business model. We believe that by establishing a sustainable financial base we can best achieve our goals. We are always striving for excellence. We work to exceed expectations in all areas.

RWPZ is currently recruiting for a full-time, year-round Mechanic. Under the supervision of the Facilities Manager, the individual in this position is responsible for the general maintenance and repair of Zoo apparatus and equipment including automotive, heavy construction equipment, golf carts, utility vehicles, gas-powered tools, and all zoo rides. The Mechanic is also responsible maintaining a log of all work performed on the equipment and for procuring equipment as well as parts for repairs and maintenance of equipment. In addition, the mechanic will provide written recommendations for assessed equipment requiring replacement or major repairs.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Perform inspections, preventive maintenance, tests, troubleshoots, and basic repairs to all Zoo vehicles and motorized equipment, including, but not limited to, heavy equipment, Gators, E-Z go carts, tire changes, oil changes, belt replacements, and body work.
- Maintains detailed maintenance records of vehicles and equipment including an accurate inventory of equipment, history of work performed, and all cost associated with maintenance and repair.
- Follow all Zoo safety procedures related to driving and maintaining Zoo vehicles and equipment.
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- Complete work orders issued by the Facilities Manager and/or the Deputy Director of Operations pertaining to maintenance, construction, and repair of Zoo equipment
- Ensure proper care in the use and maintenance of equipment and supplies.
- Fuel all Zoo motor vehicles, equipment, and gas and diesel cans, monitor propane tanks.
- Participate in snow and ice removal according to the Snow & Ice Removal policy.
- Perform preventive maintenance and repairs on all zoo rides including but not limited to the carousel, carousel and zoo trains, and the zipline.
- Promote workplace safety. Ensure proper care in the use and maintenance of equipment and supplies as well as maintain a clean and tidy work area both on grounds and at our off-site facility.
- Provide support to the Operations department as needed, including emergency response for crowd control and evacuation.
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Facilities Manager and/or Deputy Director of Operations.

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Experience and Education:

High school diploma or equivalent plus three to five years of automotive, heavy equipment maintenance and repair; or equivalent combination of education and experience. Knowledge of power and construction tools, as well as 2 cycle and 4 cycle engines, their proper usage and safety requirements through minimum of one-year related work experience required. ASE certification desired but not required. Bilingual in multiple languages is a plus.

Skills and Aptitudes:

- Proficiency in the use of all tools related to the maintenance and repair of motorized vehicles, heavy equipment, and related parts.
- Cooperative attitude and team player.
- Sound computer knowledge, research, and mechanical troubleshooting skills.
- Highly organized and able to work with minimal supervision
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Ability to:
 - read and comprehend technical manuals for all Zoo equipment.
 - reach out to dealers, manufacturers, and service companies to troubleshoot problems with equipment.
 - perform both small and large engine repairs.
 - troubleshoot and resolve equipment failures effectively and efficiently.
 - operate, lift, carry appropriate hand and air power tools and other construction equipment.
 - use hydraulic lifts, air and electrical impact wrenches, welder.

Additional Requirements:

- Successful completion of a background check, per organization policy.
- Valid state driver's license.
- Maintenance of State certification to operate heavy equipment.

- Willingness to:
 - be on call, including occasional weekends and holidays, and for zoo emergencies including severe weather conditions.
 - work flexible schedule.
 - work outdoors in various weather conditions.
- Frequently required to:
 - carry, walk, drive, sit, stand, kneel, crawl, climb stairs and ladders, squat, bend and stoop for prolonged periods of time.
 - use hands to finger, handle, or feel objects, tools or controls; reach with hands and arms; balance.
- Occasionally:
 - lifts and/or moves objects up to 50 pounds.
 - work in confined spaces and climb a ladder to a minimum height of 25 feet.
 - travel to inspect and/or purchase vehicles for the Zoo.
- Required to operate a snow blower and snowplow which may require long periods of sitting and standing.

As a Mechanic, you will be joining our team in showcasing our Zoo pride and excellence in customer service.

If you are interested in this exciting opportunity to be a team member at a well-renowned Zoo in the New England area, send a cover letter, resume and salary requirements to:

Roger Williams Park Zoo

ATTN: Mechanic

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Providence, RI 02907

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employment@rwpzoo.org



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