



Education Programs Instructor 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 part-time, year-round, Education Programs Instructor. Under general direction and supervision of the Manager of School Programs, the Education Programs Instructor is primarily responsible for facilitating School, Community, Family and Interpretive Programs.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Instructor Responsibilities

- Facilitate a variety of Family Programs including, but not limited to Rock N Roar Concerts, Breakfast with the Animals, Insider Tours and Wild Connection Premium Encounters.
- Facilitate afterschool programming in local schools.
- Facilitate school programs both on zoo grounds and off zoo grounds.
- Facilitate community outreach programs both on grounds and off grounds to a variety of audiences including, but not limited to Scout Groups, Camp Groups, Homeschool Groups, and other Community Organizations.
- Participate in Winter, Spring & Holiday ZooCamps as a counselor.
- Facilitate at least one Snore & Roar Overnight program per week (Fri & Sat, 5 pm – 10 pm).
- Facilitate animal encounters for Summer ZooCamp.

2. Curriculum Responsibilities

- Work with Manager of School Programs and School Program Specialists to plan afterschool programming.

3. Animal Handling Presentation Responsibilities

- Complete Program Animal Handling Training and be comfortable with all aspects of animal handling, acclimation and presentation in programs. This may include (but is not limited to) the safe handling of snakes and other reptiles, birds (including raptors), small mammals and invertebrates (including tarantulas, cockroaches & scorpions).

4. Other functions and responsibilities

- Assist all Education Managers with operational needs and duties as assigned.
- Carry animal carriers and program supplies to and from vehicles and throughout zoo.
- Safe operation of zoo vehicles when required for off-site programming.

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Experience and Education:

Pursuit or completion of an associate degree in Education or related field plus a minimum of two years' experience teaching various age groups in an informal educational setting, or equivalent combination of education and experience. Experience with English Language Learners and comfortably handling animals of no more than twenty pounds, strongly desired.

Skills and Aptitudes:

- Demonstrates a strong interest and/or experience in education, environmental education, and environmental conservation.
- Enthusiastic, open-minded, creative, flexible, adaptable, patient, self-motivated and able to work both independently and with a team.
- Positive attitude and a passion for environmental education.
- Enjoy working with children of all ages and learning abilities.
- Comfortable interacting with the general public and speaking in front of large groups of people.
- Able to function in a professional environment, demonstrating responsibility, creative problem solving and excellent interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills.
- Maintain effective working relationships with other departments, staff, professionals from other zoo organizations, and the general public.
- An appreciation for informal, lifelong learning in agreement with RWP Zoo's mission and commitment to education, conservation and horticultural excellence.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office (primarily Excel, Word & Outlook)

Additional Requirements:

- Availability to work weekends, and occasional evenings, and holidays (up to 28 hours per week, however, hours may not be available every week).
- Be comfortable working outdoors and in adverse conditions (heat, rain, cold, etc.).
- Occasional travel via all modes of transportation.
- Successful completion of a background check.
- Valid state driver's license.
- CPR & First Aid certification strongly desired.
- Frequently handle moving animals, which may weigh up to 20 pounds, for thirty-minute intervals.

As a part-time Education Programs Instructor, 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
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