

Education Interpreter- Seasonal, Part-time

Binder Park Zoo's Education department is seeking responsible, fun-loving individuals to join our team for the 2017 spring/summer season. Education interpreters lead a variety of educational programming including Day Camps and Overnights, interact with zoo guests while interpreting at animal exhibits, and assist with other tasks and programs as needed. Applicants should be flexible, dependable, and comfortable working with children and animals.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Upholding Binder Park Zoo's mission by connecting people of all ages to animals and nature while striving to inspire conservation actions.
- Leading groups of children and/or adults through games, crafts, nature hikes, and other activities during Day Camps and Overnight programs.
- Getting trained to handle and present various small animals to groups, including reptiles, amphibians, birds, small mammals, and invertebrates.
- Conducting informal presentations with animals or artifacts for guests in the zoo.
- Planning, organizing, and making independent decisions as needed.

Position Requirements:

- Coursework leading toward a Bachelor's degree in biology, zoology, education, or related field is preferred
- Proof of negative TB test within one year and proof of TDAP vaccine within 5 years
- Valid driver's license with a clean driving record
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Previous experience working with children is a plus

Physical and Environmental Demands:

- Ability to work 18-20 hours overnight, sometimes sleeping on a hard surface
- Ability to read, speak, and write English in order to fulfill job functions in an understandable way
- Ability to sit, stand, bend, lift, and walk for up to 8 hours
- Ability to lift and carry 50 pounds
- Ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions