

BINDER PARK ZOO

ZOO EDUCATOR

Mission Statement: To Connect, Inspire, Conserve. Connect people with nature. Inspire them to conserve.

REPORTS TO: Education Supervisor
SEASONAL / NON-SEASONAL: Non-seasonal, Benefited
FLSA STATUS: Hourly, Non-Exempt

POSITION SUMMARY:

To assist the Zoo in accomplishing its mission through teaching about animals and conservation while training and handling small exotic animals used in education programs.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor's degree preferred in Biology, Education, or related field.
Prior teaching experience in an informal setting.
Prior animal handling experience.
Valid Michigan driver's license and excellent driving record.
Must have proof of negative TB test within one year and proof of tetanus shot within five years.
Excellent oral and written communication skills.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Training all staff, interns and volunteers using animals for education programs in coordination with the Education Supervisor.
Planning, promoting and implementing outreach and guest programming.
Teaching education programs to various age groups and large audiences.
Working independently handling small exotic animals.
Registering and scheduling education programs.
Planning, organizing, and making independent decisions as necessary.
Communicating with co-workers, subordinates, staff and guests through verbal and technology-based systems such as hand held radios, voice mail, telephone, and computers.
Relating positively with diverse groups of people (guests, staff and volunteers).

OTHER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Ability to teach all the Zoo's education programs.
Ability to handle, controls, and capture small exotic animals, if necessary.
Ability to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.
Complying with all Binder Park Zoo policies and procedures.
Participating in team oriented zoo projects as needed.
Developing and nurturing relationships with outside organizations.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES: Provide training and direction to seasonal staff, interns and volunteers as needed.

PHYSICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEMANDS:

- Ability to read, speak, and write English in order to fulfill job functions in an understandable way.
Ability to sit, stand, bend, lift and move intermittently.
Ability to lift and carry 50 pounds.
Ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions.

APPROVAL:

Supervisor Signature

Date

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE:

I have received a copy of the job description for I have received a copy of the job description for Zoo Educator. I have read the requirements as outlined and understand this is not an exhaustive list of duties, but an overview of the general duties and responsibilities of the position.

Employee Signature

Print Name

Date

Binder Park Zoo offers employment opportunities, education programs, and services without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, disability, age, height, weight, marital status, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity.