



## Education Program Instructor – Early Childhood School & Camp Programs

(Part-Time, Year-Round)

Roger William's Park Zoo is currently recruiting an Education Program Instructor for Early Childhood School & Camp Programs. The Education Program Instructor is primarily responsible for facilitating School & Camp Programs with early childhood audiences. This position is part-time, year-round.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

#### **1. Instructor Responsibilities**

*September - June*

- Instruct Zoomobile programs for primarily early childhood audiences (toddler- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) on Zoo grounds and off Zoo grounds (occasionally instruct programs for audiences 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older)
- Participate in Winter, Spring & Fall Holiday ZooCamps
- Serve as the primary back-up for the Early Childhood Specialist
- Plan and facilitate out of school time programs for early childhood audiences (pre-k- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)
- Facilitate one- two Snore & Roar Overnight programs per month (Fri & Sat 5 pm – 10 pm)

*June - August*

- Participate in Summer Zoo Camp as support for Tadpole Academy and by facilitating animal encounters for Summer Adventures (Monday-Friday 11:30am-2:30pm)
- Support additional programming as needed

#### **2. Curriculum Responsibilities**

- Work with Manager of School Programs to plan afterschool programming as needed

#### **3. Animal Handling Presentation Responsibilities**

- Complete Program Animal Handling Training and be comfortable with all aspects of animal handling, enrichment 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**

- Carry animal carriers and program supplies to and from vehicles and throughout zoo.
- Safe operation of zoo vehicles when required for off-site programming.
- Assist Manager of School Programs & Manager of Family Programs with operational needs and duties as assigned.

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

#### ***Experience and Education:***

Pursuit or completion of a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, or related field from an accredited college or university; or equivalent combination of education and experience. A minimum of two years' experience in informal education, teaching various age groups is required. Experience with English Language Learners and experience and comfort with animal handling are 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:***

- Flexibility to work weekends, evenings, and holidays (up to 28 hours per 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
- Lifting and/or moving an object up to 20 pounds is occasionally required in this position.
- This position also frequently requires handling moving animals, which may weigh up to 15 pounds, for thirty minute intervals.

Interested candidates are encouraged to send a cover letter and resume to:

Roger Williams Park Zoo

ATTN: Ed Program Instructor- Early Childhood School &

Camp Search

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