



Seasonal Horticulturalist Job Posting

Roger William's Park Zoo of Providence, Rhode Island, -one of the nation's oldest zoos and exhibiting over 100 animal species, is currently recruiting for a Seasonal Horticulturalist. Under the supervision of the Manager of Buildings/Grounds Maintenance and Horticulture, the Seasonal Horticulturalist is responsible for all plant material within the Zoo including, but not limited to, weeding, fertilizing, pruning, mulching and leaf removal.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Plant floral or ornamental plant and trees.
- Care and maintenance of all plant material within the Zoo including, but not limited to, weeding, fertilizing, pruning and mulching.
- Irrigation of plants and lawns (public and off-exhibit areas).
- Daily operations and maintenance of the Greenhouse.
- When necessary, plan for the freezing/winterizing of plants.
- Landscaping inventories.
- Trimming/edging.
- Special event setup of plant material.
- Identification of poisonous plants.
- Participation and coordination of leaf removal.
- Participate in snow and ice removal according to the Snow & Ice Removal Policy.
- Follow all Zoo procedures in regards to driving and maintaining Zoo vehicles and motorized equipment.
- Perform other related duties as assigned by the Manager of Buildings/Grounds Maintenance and Horticulture and/or the Deputy Director of Operations.
- Assist in other areas of the Operations department including, but not limited to, crowd control and evacuation.

Requirements:

Experience and Education:

High school diploma or equivalent plus one year experience in a landscape design, or equivalent combination of education and experience.

Skills and Aptitudes:

- Knowledge and use of all plant materials and landscaping equipment.
- Proficient in hand power tools, snow blower, grass mower, etc.,
- Cooperative attitude.
- Highly organized and able to work with minimal supervision.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Ability to communicate effectively with the public.

Additional Requirements:

- Successful completion of a background check.
- Valid state driver's license.
- Ability to work outdoors under various weather conditions.
- 24 hour on-call availability for Zoo emergencies, including storm response.
- Willingness to work flexible work schedule, including occasional evenings, weekends and holidays.
- While performing the duties of this job, the employee occasionally sits and lifts and/or moves objects up to 50 pounds. This position often requires the employee to work in confined spaces and climb a ladder to a minimum height of 25 feet. During snow storms, the employee is required to operate a snow blower and snow plow which may require long periods of sitting and standing.
- Work environment is primarily out in the public spaces of the Zoo where the noise level is usually moderate to loud.

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 employment@rwpzoo.org or to:

Roger Williams Park Zoo
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