
POSITION TITLE: Education Instructor

DEPARTMENT: Education

JOB TYPE: Part-time

REPORTS TO: Education Manager

POSITION PURPOSE

The Virginia Zoo's Education Department seeks enthusiastic and self-motivated individuals to facilitate education and animal programs. Candidates must possess experience in public speaking and teaching children of a variety of ages, including very young children; be organized, creative and flexible; have good communication skills; and be able to work well in a team.

POSITION ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Conducting Zoo animal programs, birthday parties, Zoo Snoozes, ZooLive theater shows, and other education programs
- Handling and presenting programs animals in an education setting
- Interpretive programming
- Preparing for programs and events
- Working in cooperation with full-time staff and other education instructors
- Contributing professionally to a collaborative, innovative, and energetic work environment
- Maintaining and organizing program supplies
- Attending and participating in regular education staff meetings
- Other tasks as needed

EDUCATION, KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

- Have a high school diploma and at least 12 hours of college credit in an applicable field of study or commensurate experience in areas of environmental or life science
- Experience working with children of all ages
- Experience handling animals of all types a plus
- Excellent teaching and interpretive skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills

WORKING CONDITIONS

- Be able to stand for long periods of time
- Be able to lift 30 lbs. comfortably
- Job requires working in all weather and climate conditions including very hot temperatures and rain
- Job requires handling animals of all types, including invertebrates and snakes
- Flexible schedule and ability to work evenings, holidays, weekends, and weekend overnights
- Available for at least 20 hours per month on Saturdays and/or Sundays

SALARY RANGE

- The starting rate for Education Instructors is \$8/hr.

To apply please email your resume, cover letter and 3 references to sandra.simmons@norfolk.gov or fax to (757) 625-1061, attention Sandra Simmons, Human Resources.