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**POSITION TITLE:** Education Instructor

**DEPARTMENT:** Education

**JOB TYPE:** Part-time

**REPORTS TO:** Education Manager

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### **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 working with 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 Education programs including:
  - School Programs, Birthday Parties, Zoo Snoozes, and others
- 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 duties as assigned

### **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
- Week day availability (between 8:30am and 3pm) preferred

### **SALARY RANGE**

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

### **TO APPLY**

Please email your resume, cover letter and list of 3 references to Michelle Lewis, Education Manager, at [michelle.lewis@norfolk.gov](mailto:michelle.lewis@norfolk.gov).