Zookambi Assistant Teacher

The Potter Park Zoo Conservation, Engagement and Learning Department has three seasonal full-time openings for Zookambi Summer Camp Assistant Teachers. Assistant Teachers work alongside a Lead Teacher to help prepare and deliver summer camp programming on a variety of zoo animal related topics to students in grades 1-7. Summer camp programming has been pre-determined by a full-time Curriculum Specialist who will train all seasonal staff appropriately.

Essential Functions

1. Support age appropriate lesson plans relevant to the class topic. These include hands-on activities, excursions on zoo grounds and games/Nature Play.
2. Demonstrate strong classroom management skills in an informal setting.
3. Manage camper behavior and communicate with zoo staff and parents if behavior issues arise.
4. Help to ensure supplies and materials for activities/projects are on hand or ordered by staff in a timely manner.
5. Help maintain a tidy class space and storage room.
6. Be responsible for the health, safety and well-being of campers, including adhering to all zoo health and safety protocols
7. Attend meetings, work days or staff development as required.

Qualifications/Experience

1. Experience working with children in an education setting is preferred. Preference will be given to candidates with experience in informal education or at a zoo or nature center.
2. Have excellent communication skills and a positive, friendly attitude.
3. Must be self-motivated, energetic, adaptable and be able to work on a team.
4. Must be able to work inside and outside and tolerate summer weather conditions, most notably heat and humidity.
5. **Must be available for work from June 2 – June 27 and July 14 – August 11.** Note there is a break between units from June 30 to July 13 which may be used as preparation for the second unit beginning July 14.
6. Must pass a background check.
7. Must have at least 3 references to confirm resume experience. References will be contacted for all candidates.

How to Apply

Send resume, cover letter, and at least 3 references to Stephanie Pentiuk.

By email:

spentiuk@ingham.org

Or by mail:

Attn: Stephanie Pentiuk
Conservation Engagement Lead
Potter Park Zoo
1301 South Pennsylvania Avenue
Lansing, MI 48912

Further Comments

1. This position does not participate in animal husbandry, nor do they have contact with animals.
2. Hours during camp will generally be 8:00 AM-5:00 PM during weekdays, with a 60-minute lunch break.
3. The pay rate is $12.50 per hour. Uniform shirts are provided.
4. First Aid/CPR certification required. Will train if needed.
5. Applications due April 15th, or until positions are filled.
6. Potter Park Zoo is an equal opportunity employer, dedicated to a policy of non-discrimination in application and employment for any reason, including race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, national origin, age, disability or medical status including genetic information, and/or veteran's status.

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If you need reasonable accommodations for any part of the application, interview or hiring process, please contact Stephanie Pentiuk at spentiuk@ingham.org.

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