



Job Description

Binghamton Zoo at Ross Park
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ZOO SCHOOL TEACHER

The Binghamton Zoo at Ross Park is currently seeking a qualified and enthusiastic teacher for the summer Zoo School Program which runs 5 days a week (Monday-Friday), July through August. Applicants would need to be available part time as early as May to begin preparations for the summer. This position is also flexible enough to potentially allow two facilitators to split the summer between them.

Specific Responsibilities

- Developing curriculum and activities for a variety of age groups (4-13) which adhere to the standards upheld by the Binghamton Zoo at Ross Park.
 - Curriculum must meet the needs and goals of the Binghamton Zoo
 - The curriculum and activities should be both fun and educational
 - Work with the Education Coordinator to develop lesson plans and utilize available resources
- Facilitate and lead activities for summer Zoo School, which includes children ranging in age 4-13
- Assist in facilitating activities for the Ross Park Rangers, which is for teens ranging from 14 to 17
- Create a fun and safe learning environment for Zoo School attendees
- Direct assistant facilitator(s) in supervising youth and facilitating activities
- Keep the Zoo School closet clean, organized and stocked for the program needs
- Keep the main Education Center room cleaned, organized and vacuumed
- Handle animal ambassadors during Zoo School programs

Requirements

- Must have regular transportation to the Binghamton Zoo
- Must be able to lift and carry 25 lbs.
- Must be able to regularly walk along the zoo paths, which includes a loop of just over 1 mile with occasional steep grades, with children
- Competence and familiarity with Microsoft Office and Google Docs & Sheets
- Must submit to and pass a background check

The position would be part time May through June. Part time hours will vary and will include weekends, during which time the teacher will be receiving training and working to develop activities. The position will shift to full time, Monday through Friday, July through August. Full time hours are typically 8am to 5pm.

Applicants are preferred to have experience working with groups of children of varying ages. First Aid and CPR certification is a plus. Familiarity with teaching techniques, lesson plan development, ecological concepts and basic biology are all a plus.

Please send a resume, cover letter, and the names and contact information of three references to Ian Jensen. These may be sent by email to ijensen@rossparkzoo.com or by mail to The Binghamton Zoo ATTN: Ian Jensen 185 Park Ave Binghamton, NY 13903.