



Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden 2010 Education Summer Camp Instructors

The educational vision of the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden is to provide quality experiences that foster a sense of wonder, share knowledge, and advocate active involvement with wildlife and wild places. The Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden Education Department is seeking creative, enthusiastic, hardworking individuals with a strong interest in environmental education.

Job Description: Instructors will take a leading role in environmental education for three to fourteen year olds in the Zoo's summer camps and other educational programs. Through live animal encounters, games, crafts, and Zoo hikes, instructors will help children develop a sense of wonder, build knowledge, and encourage active involvement with wildlife and wild places. In addition, instructors will be able to work with our experienced staff of environmental educators to further develop their educational and interpretive skills.

Job Duties: Summer camp instructors responsibilities take place 8 hours a day between the times of 7:15am-6:15am including but not limited to:

- Upon arrival, check Instructor Memo Board for notes and updates about camp/the day
- Setting up and breaking down summer camp classroom (carpet squares, nametags, journals- if applicable, any props for topic, puzzles, books) before and after camp
- Making sure all necessary supplies are accounted for
- Making sure that dismissal forms & attendance sheets with medical/behavioral issues are accounted for
- Returning/retrieving demo animals, as necessary
- Greet and receive children arriving for summer camp
- Send Volunteers to retrieve assigned students from before-care room
- Conduct summer camp program for up to 11 children in the 4-14 age range in accordance with the provided curriculum and training.
- Utilize and supervise Volunteers assisting with summer camp programs
- Keep track of and report daily and weekly attendance in assigned summer camp classroom
- Maybe asked to contribute to posting on parent information board

Qualifications: Bachelors Degree in a related field, or current enrollment in related college degree program AND completion of a previous stint as a Cincinnati Zoo Education Summer Intern. Experience and/or strong interest in working with children including preschoolers, coursework in environmental education or related field, strong communication skills, willingness to learn to work with variety of animals. Employment is contingent upon successful completion of a post-offer, pre-employment drug screen and background check.

Reports To: Education Program Coordinators

Duration: May 24 – August 21 (includes orientation and training)

To Apply: Please send a cover letter, resume, and list of references (in one envelope) to:

Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden
3400 Vine Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45220
Attn: Human Resources – Summer Camp Position

Questions about Education positions: Contact Sarah Navarro at (513) 475-6126 or Scott Wingate at (513) 475-6133