

Position Description

CAMP COUNSELOR

Position Summary:

Camp Counselors are responsible for implementing designed camp curriculum. Camp counselors will present thematic educational activities for children using zoo exhibits, activities, animal artifacts, and classroom discovery stations. All activities are presented using thematic interpretation techniques in an informal educational setting. Camp Counselors will conduct evaluations of camp curriculum and learner outcomes. Camp Counselors will also facilitate daily activities such as crafts, story reading, snacks, and set-up and clean up. Camp Counselors will mentor youth volunteers in program presentation and to work successfully with children.

Resumes Accepted: February 1st – March 26th

- **If notified for interview, there is a REQUIRED group interview:** April 3rd

Training & Set-up: June 12th & 13th, Saturday & Sunday and June 18th & 19th, Friday & Saturday

Position Begins: June 21st (estimated end of Oregon public school year)

Position Ends: September 3rd (estimated beginning of Oregon public school year)

Minimum requirements:

- 18 years of age
- 2 years working with children in formal or informal education setting
- Knowledge of zoology, biology, environmental education, ecology, or wildlife conservation concepts
- Knowledge of Thematic Interpretation & Curriculum Implementation techniques preferred
- First Aid/CPR Certification preferred
- Food Handler's Card preferred
- All applicants are subject to a criminal background check

Type of Position & Compensation:

- Full-time Temporary position, 40 hrs/wk Monday-Friday. Employment dependent on enrollment.
- Pay rate is \$9.50/hour.

Required knowledge skills and abilities:

- Ability to implement designed camp curriculum.
- Educational and interpretive skills to implement themed, age appropriate, active, fun, learning activities for children.

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- Excellent child management skills and ability to mentor teens.
- Ability to work cooperatively and independently within a team.
- Understanding of basic ecology concepts.
- Effective communication skills
- Able to walk up to 3 miles daily
- Able to lift and carry up to 25lbs

Responsibilities:

- Implement designed camp curriculum
- Conduct evaluations of curriculum
- Provide an educational, recreational, and safe summer experience for participants
- Assist with planning and implementation of the camp schedule and activities
- Work cooperatively with all zoo staff
- Attend to the health and safety of the students at all times
- Support all Zoo Camp, Oregon Zoo and Metro policies
- Consistently project a positive, friendly attitude to all students, parents and zoo staff

Specific Duties:

- Implementing age appropriate, themed, designed camp curriculum
- Facilitate lessons, zoo tour, games, crafts and leading songs for up to 12 students
- Promote positive attitudes towards wildlife through well-planned activities
- Assist in facilitating large group activities, lessons and games for up to 40 students
- Assist in having lesson plans and preparations for camp completed
- Prepare supplies, classroom set-up and clean-up, and other tasks necessary for running camp
- Be aware of and prepared for any health problems listed on students' registrations
- Create opportunities for all students to have a positive social experience, such as seeking out and helping shy children to find a comfortable peer group
- Respond to disruptive behaviors and lost students
- Inform Camp Specialist of any problem or incident that might be of concern to parents, students, or staff

Responsible To:

Camp Specialist and Camp Director

Send Interest/Skills Overview, Resume and Cover Letter to:

Seasonal Positions
 Oregon Zoo Conservation Division
 4001 SW Canyon Rd
 Portland OR 97221

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