Summer Program Leader

Dedicated to its founding mission in 1936 as an education institution, the Staten Island Zoological Society remains at the forefront of weaving effective education programs into its cultural role as a place of adventure, discovery, and fun for all age groups. The Education Department develops high-quality educational programs based on current curricula and standards, including the Next Generation Science Standards, New York State Science Learning Standards, and the Common Core Standards, serving youth ages Pre-K through adult. Known as New York’s “Biggest Little Zoo”, the Staten Island Zoo is an AZA-accredited facility with a unique collection of 1500 specimens, including approximately 60 education animals.

Summer Program Leaders will be in charge of one group of 10 – 15 participants for one-week sessions. Participants in the summer program range in grade from Pre-K through eighth grade. The program leader will be assigned to a particular grade band for most weeks. Leader is responsible for creating and delivering daily programming that includes tours of the Zoo, arts and crafts, recreation, and animal lessons aligning the weekly theme. Position requires prep hours prior to sessions; for each week of session, there is a full day of prep. Summer Program Leaders report to the OST Coordinator.

Zoofari summer program runs from July 5th – August 26th. Must also attend orientation. Must be able to commit to at least 2 weeks.

Full time, 35 hour a week position, seasonal.

Education and Experience:
- Must be at least 21 years of age
- Experience teaching/educating in a formal or informal setting
- Understanding of inquiry-based learning theory and practice.
- Knowledge of biology, ecology, and/or zoology preferred
- Animal handling experience not required but a plus

Additional Qualifications:
- Successful completion of a background check.
- Valid state driver’s license.
- Covid-19 Vaccination.

Program Compensation: $585 per week

Please submit a resume and cover letter to:
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ONLY QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL BE CONTACTED

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