



**Staten Island Zoological Society, Inc.**  
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### **Zoofari Summer Camp Assistant**

Staten Island Zoo is seeking a Zoofari Summer Camp Assistant under the direction of the Out-of-School Time (OST) Coordinator and Director of Education. The Camp Assistant will play a vital role in supporting the planning, execution, and evaluation of camp activities, ensuring a positive and enriching experience for campers and staff in close collaboration with the OST Coordinator. As part of the Education team, the candidate will gain practical experience in program planning, youth engagement, and logistics/operation coordination within a camp setting.

**Schedule:** 35 hours a week, Monday - Friday

**Duration:** Summer 2025; June 16 – August 29

#### **Description of Duties:**

- **Program Planning:** Collaborate with the OST Coordinator to design and plan a diverse range of engaging and age-appropriate activities for campers. Contribute to the development of daily schedules and program itineraries.
- **Logistics Coordination:** Assist in logistical aspects such as facility management and equipment/supply preparation. Learn the intricacies of organizing and implementing a smooth and efficient camp operation.
- **Camper Engagement:** Interact with campers, fostering a positive and inclusive environment. Gain skills in group management, conflict resolution, and creating a supportive community atmosphere.
- **Safety and Compliance:** Understand and implement safety protocols and camp policies. Learn how to conduct risk assessments and ensure a secure environment for all participants.
- **Staff Collaboration:** Work closely with camp staff and counselors, gaining insights into team dynamics, leadership, and effective communication. Contribute to staff training sessions and team-building activities.
- **Evaluation and Improvement:** Assist in collecting feedback from campers and staff to evaluate program effectiveness. Contribute to discussions on improvements and adjustments for future camp sessions.
- **Group Presentations:** Assist when necessary in daily animal presentations.
- **Oversee Groups:** Act as a stand-by substitute in the event of counselor absence.

#### **Education and Experience:**

- Current college or graduate student enrolled in a degree granting program
- Interest in pursuing a career in youth engagement, development, and recreation; environmental education; or a related profession
- Knowledge and experience with animal husbandry and handling, particularly tractable program animals preferred but will train.

#### **Skills:**

- Organization and planning skills.
- Ability to multi-task and juggle multiple projects; time management skills and flexibility.
- Able to adapt to new situations/experiences.
- Must possess strong communication skills; must communicate frequently and in a professional manner with supervisors, staff, and campers.



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- Must work well with others and have the ability to work independently.
- Previous animal handling experience not required but a plus

**Additional Qualifications:**

- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Successful completion of a background check.
- Ability to work outdoors under various weather conditions.
- Must follow safety guidelines and always demonstrate safe working practices.
- Negative TB Test
- Covid-19 Vaccination 2024 - 2025

**Program Compensation:** \$20 per hour

**Please submit a resume and cover letter to:**

Fox O'Callaghan

OST Coordinator, Staten Island Zoo

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**ONLY QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL BE CONTACTED**

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