

BINDER PARK ZOO

**PROGRAM INTERPRETER**

**REPORTS TO:** Curator of Conservation Education

**SEASONAL/NONSEASONAL:** Seasonal, non-benefited

**POSITION SUMMARY:**

To assist the Zoo in accomplishing its mission to nurture empathy, understanding and conservation of nature while teaching overnight, scout, camp, and other education programs.

**POSITION REQUIREMENTS:**

Minimum of junior status in college

Valid Michigan Drivers License and ability to drive a 16-passenger van.

Coursework leading to a degree in education, biology, zoology or related field.

Excellent oral and written communication skills.

Must enjoy working with children.

Prior teaching experience is preferred.

Proof of negative TB test within one year and proof of tetanus shot within five years.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Teaching education programs to a large group of various ages, including leading games, crafts, providing snacks and dinner.

Planning, organizing, and making independent decisions as necessary.

Working with, and giving direction to, interns and volunteers.

Working independently handling small exotic animals.

Communicating using hand held radios.

Relating positively with diverse groups of people (guests, staff and volunteers).

**OTHER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Teaching a variety of education programs as needed including day camp, scout programs and school programs.

Complying with all Binder Park Zoo policies and procedures.

Participating in team oriented zoo projects as needed.

**SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES:** N/A

**PHYSICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEMANDS:**

Ability to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Ability to read, speak, and write English in order to fulfill job functions in an understandable way.

Ability to handle, control, and capture exotic animals, if necessary.

Ability to sit, stand, bend, lift and move intermittently.

Ability to lift and carry 50 pounds.

Ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions.

Ability to participate in Overnights, which are mostly on weekends, 4:00pm to 11:00am the following morning. Shifts may include 18-20 hours with short periods of sleep on a hard surface.

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