

# The Texas Zoo Summer Camp Teacher Job Description

## Summary

Summer Camp teachers are responsible for implementing a fun and exciting recreational and educational summer programs for children ages 4-12. The topics for camp are based on natural sciences, like biology, zoology, ecology, conservation and animal husbandry. With our summer programming, we hope to inspire a love of the natural world. This is a seasonal position offering between 20-40 hours per week. Summer camp runs five days a week from June 4<sup>th</sup> to August 10<sup>th</sup>. (Excluding the week of July 2<sup>th</sup> through July 6<sup>th</sup>). This position requires a high level of energy, enthusiasm, creativity, flexibility, and the ability to work with groups of all ages in both in and outdoor settings.

## Qualifications

- Must be 18 years of age.
- Excellent verbal and written skills. Working knowledge of the English language.
- Must be able to walk and stand for extended periods of time in extreme weather conditions.
- Experience working with children is required. (may be formal or informal)
- Experience or interest working with animals is desired but not required.
- Must be able to work in a fast paced, cooperative team environment.

## Responsibilities

- Assist with preparation and break-down of facilities and materials used in camp programs.
- Teach and conduct all lessons and activities as written in the curriculum, as well as monitoring campers during drop off and pick up.
- Engage in creative, age-appropriate and responsibly managed activities with campers.
- Inform Education Director if any emergencies arise.
- Interact in a positive and educational way to all Zoo guests including campers, parents and siblings of campers, and general Zoo guests.
- Attend Camp Training on May 19th.
- Complete Abuse Prevention Training by start of Camp.
- May be responsible for camper drop-off and pick-up, including verification of parent/guardian photo identification and signatures, ensuring special needs (if any) are identified and information is communicated to appropriate staff, answering parent questions and reviewing camp rules and expectations with campers.
- Assist in organizing and coordinating the daily schedule with teacher team.
- Quick thinking and problem solving skills.
- Other duties as assigned.

## Work Environment

Exposure to outdoor conditions such as heat, humidity, and rain will be required.

## Supervision

Directly reports to the Environmental Educator (full time education staff).

## Salary

Summer camp teachers will receive \$9.00 per hour.

## To Apply

Applicants may send their Resume, and Application to [kboughal@texaszoo.org](mailto:kboughal@texaszoo.org). Deadline for application is May 1, 2018.