



## Position Title: Seasonal Zoo Instructor

**Position Overview:** Zoo Instructors support Zoo Boise's wildlife conservation mission by implementing and actively participating in education programs that are imaginative, fun, hands-on, and centered on topics of animals, ecology and wildlife conservation through a multi-subject approach. Seasonal, part-time zoo instructor positions are available for Zoo Boise's spring camps, Discovery Stations during spring school field trip season, and Snooze at the Zoo overnights for families and youth groups.

**Employer:** Friends of Zoo Boise

**Reports to:** Education Director & Education Specialist

### Schedule:

- **Spring Break:** 8 hrs of training during week of March 20-25. 40 hours per week during camp week Monday – Friday, 8am-5pm, March 27-March 31.
- **Discovery Stations:** April 17-May 31, 9am-1pm, 20 hours per week
- **Snooze the Zoo:** May 1-Aug 31, up to total of 68 hours for the season (approximately 9 individual Snoozes). Snoozes most frequently scheduled for Friday evenings/Saturday mornings or Saturday evenings/Sunday mornings and occasionally Monday-Thursday. For one Snooze program, instructors must be available 5-11pm and 7:45-9:15am the following day.

**About Zoo Boise:** Our mission is to connect our visitors with animals to inspire and involve our community in the conservation of wildlife worldwide. The 11-acre zoo is home to over 300 animals from 100 species, receives more than 340,000 visitors annually and is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. Zoo Boise is operated by Friends of Zoo Boise and the City of Boise's Parks & Recreation Department. [www.zooboise.org](http://www.zooboise.org)

### Responsibilities:

- Utilize the zoo and the surrounding park to introduce program participants to animals and nature through science projects, art, games, exploration and observation.
- Prepare classroom, teaching materials & supplies and clean-up of pre-developed program activities.
- Conduct program check-in and check-out.
- May be responsible for handling of small education animals for programs.
- Mentor ZooTeen camp assistants in the skills required to work successfully with young children.

### Requirements

- Pursuing or has received a BA. or B.S. degree in education, natural sciences or related field preferred.
- Experience teaching informal classes or in a zoo/nature center/museum/camp environment preferred.
- Enjoys working with people of all ages, abilities and learning styles.
- Ability to work in a variety of outdoor weather conditions and to traverse zoo property, bend, twist, stand, kneel, sit, walk, bend, stoop, speak and hear regularly for up to 8 hours.
- Communicates and interacts in a positive, professional, and team-oriented manner with various populations such as: colleagues, volunteers, students, general public and organizational partners.
- Committed to the wildlife conservation goals of Zoo Boise.
- Valid Driver's License, good driving record and reliable transportation.
- U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident.
- Pass a criminal history background check.
- Provide proof of negative TB test taken within the past calendar year before employment start date.
- Basic knowledge of Microsoft Office

**Salary & Benefits:** Salary dependent upon experience. Vacation, medical and retirement plan benefits not available.

**To apply for one or several positions, send cover letter, resumé and references by March 31, 2017 to:**

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**No phone calls, please.**