



## Position Title: Summer Zoo Camp Instructor

**Position Overview:** Summer Zoo Camp Instructors support Zoo Boise's wildlife conservation mission by implementing and actively participating in education programs that are imaginative, fun, hands-on, on animals, ecology, and wildlife conservation through a multi-subject approach for children in grades PreK-7 for groups of 10-26 children.

**Employer:** Friends of Zoo Boise

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

### **Schedule:**

May 29-June 8: Orientation & Training, Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm

June 11-August 17: Summer Camps (6-8 weeks), Monday-Friday, between 8am-5pm (schedule may vary slightly depending on specific program).

**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 campers 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 camper 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.
- Leave campers with a greater sense of ecological wonder, connection, respect and stewardship.
- Be a supportive team member by sharing ideas, assisting others, and participating in weekly staff meetings.

### **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.
- Enthusiastic about working with children 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 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:** \$11.00-\$12.00 per hour and dependent on experience. Vacation, medical and retirement plan benefits not available.

**To apply, send cover letter, resumé and references by March 31, 2018 to:**

Education Director  
Friends of Zoo Boise  
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Boise, ID 83702 or email to [zooeducation@cityofboise.org](mailto:zooeducation@cityofboise.org)

**No phone calls, please.**