Position Title: Fall 2020 Zoo Education Instructors – Temporary, Part-time

Position Overview: Zoo Education Instructors support Zoo Boise’s wildlife conservation mission by leading programs that are imaginative, fun, hands-on, and focused on animals, ecology, and wildlife conservation for a variety of audiences: families, children and general public.

Zoo Boise is hiring instructor positions for the following programs offered September - November:
- Stroller Safari – Family program for adults with children ages 0-2. Mornings, Thursday
- Preschool Zoo – Family program for adults with children ages 3-5. Mornings, Tuesday and Saturday
- Critter College – Class for children ages 4-6. 9am-1pm. Dates 9/18, 9/19, 10/23, 10/24.
- Homeschool Zoo – Day camp for children ages 7-12 (age groups vary by week). 8am-1pm, Wednesdays.

*Qualified candidates may apply for several positions.

Employer: Friends of Zoo Boise

Reports to: Education Director

Responsibilities:
- Implement pre-written lesson plans by delivering a creative, interactive, age-appropriate learning experiences for groups of up to 15 people.
- Utilize the zoo and the surrounding park to introduce program participants to animals and nature through science projects, art, games, exploration and observation.
- Directing program check-in and out, including interacting with parents and caregivers in a positive, helpful manner
- Prepare and maintain organized classroom, including program supplies.
- Assist with providing program information to program participants by phone and email.
- Leave program participants with a greater sense of ecological wonder, connection, respect and stewardship.
- Be a supportive team member by sharing ideas, assisting others, and participating in staff meetings.
- Other duties as assigned.

Requirements
- Previous experience in nature/environmental education or similar setting
- Pursuing or has received a degree in education, natural sciences or related field preferred.
- Communicates and interacts in a positive, professional, and team-oriented manner with various populations such as: colleagues, volunteers, students, general public and organizational partners.
- 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 up to 8 hours.
- Ability to maintain a safe environment.
- Committed to the wildlife conservation goals of Zoo Boise.
- 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.

Salary & Benefits: $12.50 per hour. Vacation, medical and retirement plan benefits not available.

To apply, send cover letter, resumé and references to: Education Director, Friends of Zoo Boise, 355 Julia Davis Drive, Boise, ID 83702 or by email to zooeducation@cityofboise.org and include “Zoo Fall Instructor” in the email subject line. Open until filled. No phone calls, please.

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 13-acre zoo is home to over 300 animals from 100 species 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