



EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CONTRACT INSTRUCTOR

Job Description: Motivated individual to teach Education Programs at the Staten Island Zoo. The programs can be for children age Pre-K through Adult. The instructor will be presenting animals while teaching lessons in a classroom setting.

Qualifications:

- **Must** possess skills for confident handling of a variety of live animals including; non-venomous snakes, invertebrates, birds of prey and small mammals.
- **Must** possess appropriate knowledge and skills to teach and manage school children in a class setting.
- **Must** present evidence of ability to plan and conduct lessons in environmental education, including basic ecology, zoology and conservation.
- **Must** have or be pursuing a degree in education, zoology, animal science, conservation studies or a related science **OR** equivalent experience.
- **Should** have a valid Driver's License and be willing to travel in a zoo vehicle (Honda Element) to conduct classes at schools.

What is a Contract Instructor?

Contract Instructors are workers who usually are not working full time, during the day and want to enjoy flexible, part-time work. Ideal candidates in the past have been college and masters students, retirees, and part-time workers in other fields.

Contract workers are assigned classes as schools book programs at the zoo. If we do not have classes scheduled, work will not be available.

Instructors are required to go through a training period where they will learn how to handle our education animals and become proficient with our lesson plans. There will be no compensation while training for classes. The length of training is individualized as everyone progresses at different rates. You will receive a Zoo shirt and name tag.

TO APPLY: Email cover letter and resume to Kerry Gallagher

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