



Austin Zoo is currently recruiting three Summer Camp Counselors for the 2023 summer season. The Summer Camp Counselor is a seasonal employee responsible for leading campers, ages 6-12, in inquiry-based learning activities, crafts, games, and zoo tours.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Enthusiastically engage campers in inquiry-based activities, crafts, and zoo tours
- Ensure the safety of all campers by enforcing zoo camp rules
- Demonstrate & encourage respect of zoo animals
- Maintain zoo camp behavioral expectations with campers to ensure a fun, safe and inclusive environment for campers of all abilities
- Build and maintain a good rapport with campers and parents
- Assist with daily clean-up and continual organization of zoo camp classroom and supplies
- Please note that this role does not include animal handling or care.
- Other duties as assigned

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Experience and Education:

A minimum of one year of experience working with children. Completion or pursuit of a Bachelor's Degree in Education, Biology, Zoology, or related field from an accredited college or university.

Previous summer camp experience strongly desired.

Skills and Aptitudes:

- Demonstrate a passion for conservation and environmental education.
- Enjoy working with children ages 6-12 of all abilities
- Ability to make quick, responsible decisions and improvise when needed
- Display a high level of patience and respond well under pressure
- Comfortable speaking in front of large groups of people
- Enthusiastic, creative, adaptable, patient, and able to work both independently and with a team
- Able to communicate thoroughly, respectfully, and clearly with campers, parents, and other staff

Additional Requirements:

- At least 18 years old
- Ability to work outdoors under various weather conditions
- Successful completion of a background check

WORK SCHEDULE AND COMPENSATION:

- Mandatory Training Dates: May 29th – June 2nd 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- Work Schedule: Mondays – Fridays from 8:30am– 4:30pm, June 5th – August 11th
- \$15/hour

Interested candidates are encouraged to send a cover letter and resume to the Austin Zoo Education Manager at education@austinzoo.org by April 14th 2023.