**Education Specialist - Full-Time**

***Reports to Conservation Education Manager***

**About the Racine Zoo**

Nestled on the sandy shores of beautiful Lake Michigan, the Racine Zoo is home to some of the world's most remarkable and endangered wildlife. The walk is easy for kids and seniors, making the Racine Zoo a great way to enjoy the outdoors with the family.

**About Education Specialists**

The Conservation Education Department of the Racine Zoo is dedicated to promoting awareness of conservation issues through engaging, educational, and entertaining zoo experiences. Education Specialists are the bridge between humans and nature. Through empathy-based programs, Education Specialists help connect the animals that call the Racine Zoo home with the guests that visit. From hands-on animal experience to off-campus programs, our Education Specialists fulfill the Racine Zoo’s vision “to provide a sanctuary for positive interaction between people and the natural world”.

**Job Responsibilities**

* Facilitate educational programs and special events
* Maintain animal and guest safety at all times, including while in vehicles and traveling off-campus
* Maintain the preschool program for Lil’ Explorers preschool including curriculum, materials, and budget
* Act as Camp Coordinator and maintain curriculum, materials, and yearlong plan along with the Camp Booking Coordinator and Conservation Education Manager
* Engage guests through interpretation of exhibits, both on and off campus
* Present a variety of ambassador animals including invertebrates, reptiles, amphibians, birds, and small mammals to the public for private tours and small group encounters
* Maintain established behaviors of education animals
* Create, update, and maintain curriculum for the Conservation Education department
* Represent the Zoo at outreach events within the community
* Conduct a variety of programs, both on-campus and off-campus
* Handle and maintain biofacts such as furs, skulls, and specimens appropriately
* Monitors and maintains program materials and props
* Any other tasks and duties as assigned by the Conservation Education Manager
* Adhere to all Racine Zoo and department policies and procedures

**Required Skills**

* Bachelor’s degree in biology, zoology, animal science, education, or related field
* 1-2 years experience working with children
* Ability to work as an individual and as part of a team
* Excellent public speaking and presentation skills
* Strong observational, oral, and written communication skills
* Accurate record-keeping abilities
* Ability to multitask
* Proven ability to interact with staff, guests, and volunteers
* Maintain an energetic and positive attitude

**Desired Skills**

* 1+ years experience as an educator in an AZA-accredited facility
* Previous animal handling experience
* Previous curriculum writing experience
* Previous summer day camp experience
* Previous preschool experience
* Bilingual/Multilingual
* NEI or other interpretation certification

**Licenses and Certifications**

* Valid Wisconsin driver’s license or ability to obtain one
* Negative TB test
* CPR/AED/First Aid desired

**Working Conditions**

* Normal office environment, public contact, outdoor work required
* Must be able to work evenings, weekends, and overnights
* Must be able to lift up to 50lbs
* Risk periodic exposure to fairly predictable and controllable hazards associated with wild animals and zoonotic diseases

**How to Apply**

Send resumé and cover letter to:

Racine Zoo

Attn: Abigail Flores

Conservation Education Manager

200 Goold St

Racine, WI 53402

Or e-mail [**aflores@racinezoo.org**](mailto:aflores@racinezoo.org)with the subject line “Education Specialist – Full Time”.

*Applications considered until position is filled.*

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**Reports to:** Conservation Education Manager

**Job Classification:** Full time

**Start Date:** July 2024

**Job Purpose:** To promote awareness of conservation issues through engaging, educational, and entertaining zoo experiences. Education specialists give programs to a variety of audiences, both on and off zoo grounds.

**To apply, please send a resumé and cover letter to:**

Racine Zoo

Attention: Beth Heidorn

Executive Director

200 Goold Street

Racine, WI 53402

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