



# Bergen County Zoo

## Education Department Job Opportunities

The Bergen County Zoo is a small, approximately 15 acre, zoological park accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. We are located in Paramus, New Jersey. Each year our education department facilitates more than 1,000 programs, educating more than 40,000 individuals. Our educators strive to provide high-quality, relevant, scientifically accurate education programs using audience-appropriate techniques. Through these programs, we aim to increase our audience's knowledge of and empathy towards animals and their habitats, and through this knowledge and empathy, we strive to inspire our audience to make informed, deliberate choices in their lives to preserve the natural world.

Per Diem and Seasonal educators report to full-time education staff and their primary responsibility is the teaching of curriculum to both private and public groups. Another essential function is performing all duties necessary to provide our guests with outstanding Amphitheater experiences and Birthday Parties, therefore per diem and seasonal educators may work weekends and/or nights. Per Diem educators work 19 hours per week while Seasonal educators may work 29 or 40 hours per week.

### Summer Public Educator – Seasonal Position

#### Position Responsibilities

- Provide daily presentations for the public
- Train in animal handling
- Partake in daily animal enrichment and exercise
- Develop and teach classes and birthday parties
- Daily set-up and clean-up of classroom space for programs
- Maintain a clean and organized working space
- Occasional organizational and clerical tasks
- Attend all staff trainings
- Ability to work autonomously and as a team member
- Project a professional image that reflects positively on the Zoo and County of Bergen
- Perform additional duties, as assigned

#### Qualifications

- College student or graduate working towards a degree in education, animal sciences, environmental science, biology, or a related field
- Desire to educate the public
- Resident of NJ preferred
- The ability to stand and walk for prolonged periods of time, up to three or more hours
- Pass pre-employment criminal background check as well as drug screening (urinalysis)
- Ability to use basic office equipment (e.g. computer, copy machine, fax)
- Committed to conserving wildlife
- Willingness to be open-minded and flexible
- Comfortable handling live animals, including invertebrates and reptiles if applicable
- Able to work outdoors in all weather conditions
- Animal handling experience is a plus

The Bergen County Zoo strives for diversity in all things including staffing and volunteers. We are an equal opportunity employer. **To apply send cover letter and resume to: [Melissa Czinn MCzinn@co.bergen.nj.us](mailto:Melissa.Czinn@co.bergen.nj.us) | (201) 634-3108**