

## **Position available January 3, 2018**

Jackson Zoological Society is seeking a full-time Education Curator to oversee the education programs of the Jackson Zoo. The Curator will be responsible for the implementation of programs to increase the public's environmental awareness. This is a highly visible public position, and requires an outgoing personality. A responsible, self-motivated individual and animal oriented person is necessary for this job. Because of the nature of the zoo business, all zoo employees must be available to work weekends.

### **Specific Responsibilities**

Development of units of elementary and secondary instruction to interface with the curriculum of schools, including pre-visit (in-service teacher training), zoo visit and post visit material for targeted grade levels. Development of appropriate professional relationships to reinforce the zoo's public education involvement.

Preparation and implementation of a phased plan of general public programs to offer the zoo's visitors the maximum educational experience possible, including the use of presentations, tours, printed materials, and docent presence.

Ability to present educational programs in an entertaining manner that provides a meaningful experience and trains others in same.

Write and provide material and training for outreach and in-zoo programs. Oversight of the Volunteer program assisting with event and animal care needs.

Preparation of appropriate grant proposals to provide funding for educational programs. Help with the grant opportunities offered by AmeriCorp.

Supervision of the Education and Volunteer Department budget.

Responsible for educational content on zoo graphics.

Coordination of additional special projects as requested by Zoo Director.

### **Qualifications**

Degree from an accredited university; preferably in the area of Science Education, Elementary Education, Early Childhood Development, or equivalent zoo experience.

Knowledge of the Zoo's educational animal collection, in both composition and handling procedures.

Proven supervisor skills, including the ability to creatively solve problems.

Ability to deal tactfully with general public and large groups of young children; experience working with large groups of children.

Willingness to work flexible hours including weekends and holidays.

**Apply by mailing cover letter and resume to Jackson Zoo/Education, 2918 West Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39209; or by email to [cherron@jacksonzoo.org](mailto:cherron@jacksonzoo.org) with Education in the subject line. No phone calls please and interviews by appointment only**