FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE

Buffalo Zoo
Ambassador Animal Care Specialists
Education Department

The Buffalo Zoo is seeking outgoing, enthusiastic and experienced individuals to work in a team atmosphere caring for and training the Education Department’s collection of ambassador animals. Housed in the Education Department and in the Delta Sonic Heritage Farm, these animals are central to directly educating Zoo patrons about wildlife and domestic animals. The positions also require the individuals to help develop and conduct seasonal programming/shows. Staff members report directly to the Curator of Education.

REQUIREMENTS:

Minimum four year degree in zoo/animal-related science or two-year degree plus equivalent experience; proven successful experience in all phases of the husbandry and management of small exotic and large domestic animals is required; experience in the training/handling of exotic and domestic animals as well as birds of prey for visitor contact, demonstrations and programs; public speaking/teaching/theater experience with diverse audiences; applicants must be comfortable in visitor contact venues.

Experience with physical restraint equipment and practices, vehicles and related maintenance equipment; ability to operate vehicles such as van, dump truck, pickup truck and front loader preferred; applicants must show proficiency in use of all cleaning and husbandry equipment and supplies; experience in the use of animal training tools; experience in the use and maintenance of domestic animal work and lead equipment; experience with raptor demonstration and control equipment.

Must have solid written and verbal communication skills. Must have valid NYS driver’s license, and must have an average or better driving record based on the evaluation process of our insurance company.

Health plan, life insurance, 403B pension plan, annual leave time, holiday time, sick time benefits.

Please submit cover letter and resume outlining education and experience in electronic format only with the subject line “Ambassador Animal Specialist” to:

Tiffany Vanderwerf
Curator of Education
tvanderwerf@buffalozoo.org

Please be sure to indicate whether you are applying for the full- or part-time position.

Closing date: 2/6/2017 EOE