



JOB POSTING

Job Title: Educator I

Status: Non-Exempt Status

Start Date: 5/1/2022

Number of Positions: 1

Classification: Part Time

Reports to: Director of Education and Conservation

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Posting Deadline: 4/22/2022

Description

Reporting to the Director of Education and Conservation, this position shall assist with the operations and functions of the Education Department of the Aquarium of Niagara. The Part-time Educator I will provide a supportive role, assisting with planning and organizing within the department. The Part-time Educator I will support full-time education staff with educational programming and instruction.

The Part-time Educator I must model mutual support; excellent communication and joint problem-solving skills among Directors, Supervisors, Staff, Trustees, Volunteers and Vendors; cultivate, support and maintain a culture of inclusion and engagement (positive moral) at the Aquarium of Niagara.

Essential Responsibilities

- Serve as a first line instructor, presenting educational content to guests and groups inside the Aquarium and outside on the surrounding grounds
- Maintain a basic familiarity with the Aquarium's animal collection, and develop an understanding of the importance the collection plays in the fulfillment of the Aquarium's mission
- Respond to visitor observations and questions about the collections, or contact the appropriate animal care staff to answer a question or report a problem
- Recognize emergency conditions related to animal health and safety, and contact appropriate staff in a timely and efficient manner
- Provide crowd control, supervision of guests, and educational interpretation at public touch pool
- Participate in the identification of subjects to be covered and the development of curriculum outlines and materials to be shared during programs
- Maintain inventory of interpretive tools, including animal artifacts/bio facts and activity sets
- Maintain classroom areas and ensure cleanliness of educational spaces
- Assist with logistical planning and group orientation upon arrival to the Aquarium of Niagara
- Remain acutely aware of the needs of guests of the Aquarium of Niagara at all times
- Maintain a friendly, courteous and helpful attitude towards visitors
- Always support the mission of the Aquarium of Niagara

Requested Requirements

- Working towards a bachelor's degree in environmental education, biology, environmental studies, or a related field
- Previous experience working with children
- Excellent computer skills including Microsoft Word, Outlook, Excel, PowerPoint, and Publisher
- Excellent communication skills (verbal and in writing)
- Outstanding customer service skills; able to represent the Aquarium of Niagara at all levels with professionalism and pride
- Flexible team player; ability to work well with Aquarium of Niagara staff, project partners, and program participants
- Ability to multi-task as part of a fast-paced team
- Valid driver's license and a driver in good standing
- Able to lift 50 pounds and walk over uneven terrain and in all weather
- Preferred: Previous experience handling and presenting live animals

Contact Information: Provide resume and cover letter to: kjones@aquariumofniagara.org

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