

Full-Time Naturalist/Programming Duties

Educational Programming: Greeting school groups and assisting and conducting various interpretive programs; presenting daily interpretive programs to the general public; developing new programs that align with State Education Standards; interpretive programs at special functions; scheduling field trips and other functions.

Event Programming: Assisting with special events such as Wildlife Scary Park and Old English Fair. Team leader of 2 or more special events throughout the year. Responsible for the organization and development of those events. Developing small scale events that will help attract visitors to the Park year round.

Animal Care: Naturalist will be trained in the care and handling of raptors, reptiles, amphibians and mammals for educational purposes. Includes cleaning, feeding and training of animals used in educational programming and herps on display. Assist with animals in rehabilitation program.

Other duties: Certain opening and closing procedures, trail monitoring, maintaining education center and exhibits, any number of daily and or special activities that fall under the allocation of the education department. Assisting other departments as needed. Assist with training and supervising Park volunteers.

Hours and Start Date

Start date of mid March. 40 hr work week. Will require working both weekdays and weekends and holidays. Some evening will be required for special events and programs.

Qualifications and Requirements

Open to undergraduates, graduate students, and college graduates with a degree in Parks and Recreation, Biology, Zoology, or other related field.

- Knowledge of Illinois plant and animal life highly desirable.
- Ability to memorize and recall facts, figures, and information.
- Ability to make independent decisions and respond to immediate needs of students, emergency situations, and program needs.
- Ability to move up to fifty pounds.
- Ability to work outside in a variety of weather conditions and temperatures.
- Ability to work well with limited supervision and demonstrate flexibility.
- Ability to interact successfully with staff, volunteers, teachers, parents and students.
- Must have at least 2 years experience in the field.

- Valid Driver's License.

Benefits

Full time employees of Wildlife Prairie Park have the option of enrolling in health and dental insurance. Vacation and Holiday package. Wage: \$11/hr

Applying

Deadline for submission is February 28, 2015
Send cover letter, resume, and 2 references to:
saratate@wildlifeprairie.org