



# Friends of the Alexandria Zoo

## Summer Safari Counselor Description

### General Summary

Summer Safari counselors will have the opportunity to gain experience in environmental and conservation education by utilizing the Zoo as an active, living classroom.

This is a seasonal position that runs from June through the end of June 2<sup>nd</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup> (with the potential for two more weeks in July) with a 20-25 hour per week commitment. Summer Safari children are divided into groups based on grade levels (K, 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade). Each group has one teacher and one counselor. The teacher to student ratio is 1:20 1<sup>st</sup> grade and above and 1:15 for kindergarten.

This position requires a high level of enthusiasm and energy, creativity, flexibility, and the ability to work with groups of all ages in both in and outdoor settings.

### Primary Duties and Responsibilities

- Program facilitation and preparation: set-up and break-down of facilities and materials in assigned classrooms and other in-zoo sites used in camp programs.
- Assist Summer Safari teachers in daily instruction of weekly camp programs for ages 4-12.
- May have the opportunity of working closely with Education Curator in an administrative role.
- Abide by all Alexandria Zoo policies and procedures, including safety protocol and wearing appropriate Zoo uniform.
- Inform Education Curator or supervisor on duty if any emergencies arise.
- Assist with camper drop-off and pick-up.
- Other duties as assigned.

### Qualifications

- Must be at least 16 years of age.
- Enjoy working with children and around animals.
- Good communication and leadership skills.
- Ability to lift 50 pounds and willing to work outside.
- Commitment of the entire Summer Safari term (6/ 2– 6/27), 5 days/week (Monday through Friday) from 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- **Attendance at Summer Safari Orientation required; 5/29 1-4 pm.**
- Able to work cooperatively with staff and volunteers.
- Interest and passion for conservation, biological diversity, conservation education, and the natural world.
- Candidates should be enthusiastic, creative, and self-motivated.

### Work Environment

Exposure to outdoor central Louisiana weather conditions such as heat, humidity, and rain will be required.

### Physical Demands

- Able to remain on feet and walk for extended periods of time.
- Frequently bend, stoop, reach, lift heavy objects, and climb.

### Supervision

The position reports directly to the Education Curator.

### Salary

Summer Safari counselors receive \$10 per hour.

### Applying

Applicants can visit [www.thealexandriazoo.com/JobOpenings.html](http://www.thealexandriazoo.com/JobOpenings.html) to download an application.

E-mail resume and completed application to the  
Alexandria Zoo's Education Department

Email: [zoo.education@cityofalex.com](mailto:zoo.education@cityofalex.com)  
(Subject Line "Summer Safari applicant")

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