



JOB TITLE: **ZOO GROUNDS MAINTENANCE
WORKER**

DEPARTMENT: **COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

JOB CLASS NUMBER: **6426**

DIVISION: **Louisiana Purchase Gardens & ZOO**

REVISION DATE: **3.20.2024**

Acceptance - Department Head

DEFINITION/DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF JOB:

Under direct supervision of the Grounds Foreman, is responsible for maintaining the aesthetics and safety of the Zoo grounds and development of new features.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:

- Participates in typical landscaping activities, including but not limited to mowing lawns, gardening, raking, storm clean up, etc.
- Maintains the Zoo grounds in an efficient and aesthetic manner. Cleans the Zoo grounds. Removes garbage and trash. Litter pick up.
- Propagates plants for use in landscaping and decoration.
- Applies fertilizer and pesticides in a safe and legal manner.
- Assists and consults with the animal care staff on the improvement of exhibits.
- Maintains Zoo equipment.
- Follows the Louisiana Governmental Code of Ethics for public servants.
- Performs other reasonable duties within the scope of work or in emergency situations as assigned by the appropriate authority.

EDUCATION and EXPERIENCE:

- High School diploma or GED from an accredited institution.
- At least 18 years of age.
- A completed application with a verifiable work history.
- Grounds or horticulture experience is preferred.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, and ABILITIES:

- Skilled in the use and care of hand and power tools.
- Good working knowledge of landscaping, plants, chemical use, and plant propagation.
- Able to understand and follow oral and written plans and instructions.
- Able to give written and oral instructions.
- Able to operate small excavating equipment.
- Some ability to repair and maintain small motors and landscaping equipment a plus

WORKING CONDITIONS and PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Working inside and outside year-round in all weather conditions
- Exposure to cuts, bruises, and broken bones from falls and injury from power tools, mowers, and other equipment
- Requires standing, climbing, stooping, and bending.
- Frequently lifts heavy objects.

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES:

Current and Valid Driver's License

INTERNAL POSTING PERIOD: 4/2 - 4/16/2024

Position posting goes public after 10th day.

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