



Friends of the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences

Birthday Party Instructor

The NC Museum of Natural Sciences is seeking enthusiastic individuals who are excited to share their interest in the natural world and science with guests through our Birthday Party program! This position is responsible for hosting birthday parties, including presenting live animals and leading activities and crafts that correspond with a chosen theme. Instructors are also responsible for party set up, cleanup tasks and assisting the party family as needed.

Parties are offered year-round for children ages 4-10 years with multiple different themes. Visit <http://naturalsciences.org/events/birthday-parties> for more information about the parties.

Pay: \$14.00 per hour. Instructors are eligible for planned pay increases based on the number of parties taught. This position is considered part-time and is not eligible for health care benefits or paid leave.

Work schedule: Work schedule varies depending on the times instructors sign up to teach. Instructors are expected to have availability at least two to four weekend days a month. There is no guarantee of a minimum number of hours an individual will receive each pay period. Weekly hours will depend on party bookings and the individual's availability. Parties are offered at 10:15am, 1:00pm and 3:30pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Instructors are expected to arrive 45 minutes to an hour before the party starts and stay after each party to complete cleanup. Normal hours are 9:30am to 5:30pm on a given party day.

Location: North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, downtown Raleigh.

Necessary Skills and Abilities:

- Excellent customer service and communication skills.
- Ability to deliver directions and scientifically accurate information, adjusting delivery appropriately for various age groups and needs.
- Lead activities and animal programs with enthusiasm, in a manner that is engaging to both children and adults.
- Ability to complete animal training that includes being able to safely present (and in most cases handle) various mammals, birds, reptiles (including lizards and snakes), amphibians and invertebrates (including insects and arachnids).
- Comply with all Friends of the Museum and state of North Carolina policies.

Requirements:

- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Must be able to work at least two weekend days a month.
- Must submit to a criminal background check.
- Must be able to lift 20 lbs., bend, and stoop for short periods of time.
- Some museum experience or schoolwork in biology, chemistry, environmental science, zoology or relevant course work is preferred.

The Friends of the Museum is following the protocols outlined in Executive Order #0224, meaning that all employees are required to either provide visual proof that they are considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or provide weekly proof of a negative COVID-19 test result.

To apply, [complete the linked application](#). If you have any questions, contact Alex Trifaro, Birthday Party Coordinator, at birthday.museum@naturalsciences.org.