

STATE OF OHIO (DAS)
CLASSIFICATION
SPECIFICATION

CLASSIFICATION SERIES:

Wildlife Education

SERIES NO.:

2225

MAJOR AGENCIES:

Natural Resources

EFFECTIVE DATE:

07/01/2004

SERIES PURPOSE:

The purpose of the wildlife education occupation is to provide training sessions & clinics on wildlife education programs to staff & general public within an assigned district.

CLASS TITLE

Wildlife Education Officer

CLASS NUMBER

22251

PAY RANGE

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CLASS CONCEPT:

The full performance level class works under direction & requires considerable knowledge of wildlife education programs & training techniques in order to provide educational training clinics & sessions to staff & general public.

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JOB DUTIES IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE: (These duties are illustrative only. Incumbents may perform some or all of these duties or other job-related duties as assigned.)

Plans, conducts & coordinates wildlife educational programs, training sessions & clinics (e.g., wildlife management, conservation, hunting, trapping, fishing, environment) & participates in development of educational video tapes, films, pamphlets, programs & in-service training for statewide use.

Promotes division programs through public relations activities (e.g., television appearances; attending various meetings, coordinating wildlife programs with schools, camps, clubs & organizations; preparing & manning displays at fairs & festivals); answers inquiries, coordinates outdoor educational programs for schools & trains teachers in outdoor recreation.

Participates in game protection & law enforcement activities to assist regularly assigned game protector or wildlife investigator as assigned by supervisor (e.g., checks nets, wood duck boxes, fishing & hunting licenses & hunters' bags; makes arrests; appears in court; investigates pollution; responds to landowner complaints concerning trespassers & hunters; investigates pollution & fish kills).

MAJOR WORKER CHARACTERISTICS:

Knowledge of wildlife biology; aquatic biology; watercraft & hunter education; public relations; employees training & development; public speaking; state & federal regulations governing fishing, hunting & trapping*. Skill in fishing, hunting & trapping. Ability to calculate fractions, decimals & percentages; prepare & deliver educational materials & provide information to general public; gather, collate & classify information about data, people or things; demonstrate physical fitness.

(*)Developed after employment.

MINIMUM CLASS QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT:

Commissioned as Game Protector by Ohio Department of Natural Resources & Ohio Peace Officer Training Council Course; undergraduate core wildlife oriented program (e.g., zoology, natural resources, ecology, biology); 12 mos. trg. or 12 mos. exp. in employee training & development. Probationary period is one year.

-Or commissioned as Game Protector by Ohio Department of Natural Resources & Ohio Peace Officer Training Council Course; 24 mos. trg. or 24 mos. exp. in game protection or wildlife education &/or management; 12 mos. trg. or 12 mos. exp. in employee training & development. Probationary period is one year.

-Or equivalent of Minimum Class Qualifications For Employment noted above.

NOTE: Applicant must successfully pass background check by appointing authority, which includes polygraph, psychological & medical examination. Per Article 31.05 of FOP Contract, applicant must be able to perform the Ohio Peace Officer Basic Training Program (OPOTC) Fitness Testing Entry Standards for New Recruits, as outlined in department directive. The final applicant accepted for this position will be required to submit to urinalysis to test for illegal drug use prior to appointment. An applicant with positive test results will not be offered employment per Section 123:1-76-09 Ohio Administrative Code.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT REQUIRED TO REMAIN IN THE CLASSIFICATION AFTER EMPLOYMENT:

Per Article 31.05 of FOP Contract, must maintain agency required physical condition as outlined by department directive & pass any required medical examinations; must qualify semi-annually with firearms & related equipment; must maintain OPOTC certification.

UNUSUAL WORKING CONDITIONS:

Travels overnight; may work outside exposed to weather; may be exposed to physical violence.