

Job Title: Animal Area Volunteer

Job Summary: Volunteers assist staff with daily job functions including care and maintenance of animal facilities and non-contact care of the animals within the collection.

Essential Job Functions: Under the direct supervision of staff, volunteers will assist in the preparation of animal diets, cleaning of exhibits and holding areas, minor exhibit maintenance.

Typical Physical Demands: Must be able to tolerate heat and cold; lift and carry 50 lbs.; be in good physical health with full range of motion.

Needed Characteristics, Skills and Experience: Volunteers must be comfortable around animals, be able to follow verbal instruction, have adequate transportation. Must provide appropriate shoes and clothing.

Benefits Provided: Volunteers receive a discount of 40% in the gift shop and Canopy Restaurant, 40% discount on education classes, unless food is provided.

Length of Commitment: minimum 6 months (192 hours), ideally 1 year. One 8-hour day/same day each week.

Evaluation: As needed

Schedule of shifts/hours Needed: Depends on availability in animal areas. Sunday-Saturday, 8 AM to 5 PM (summer hours may vary)

Training/Continuing Education: On the job training provided by Zoo Animal Staff.

Comments: * Must be 18 years of age. Volunteers must provide a current TB test before they can begin. Placement subject to an interview after volunteer orientation/recruitment. \$10 application and program fee. Orientation and recruitment held in February, May, August, and October.