



Zoo Keeper I, Education

Zoo keepers are responsible for the daily husbandry care, feeding, implementation of enrichment and training programs, observation and documentation of a variety of exotic and native animals. This specialized position will focus on the animal ambassadors in our education department and their husbandry.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- High School diploma or GED; previous experience with the care of animals preferably in a paid environment or with a veterinarian; or any combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities for this job.
- Must possess a valid Louisiana driver's license.
- Clear criminal background check.
- Pass drug test with no illegal substance use.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Prepares diets, feeds animals in assigned area, cleans enclosures, makes minor repairs in enclosures, maintains grounds in and around exhibits, conducts operant conditioning, interacts with visitors, and assists with set-up and works during special events.
- Handles and trains animal ambassadors for their continued use in programs and supplies routine enrichment for their mental well-being.
- Under the direction of the Education Curator, assists with adult and teen volunteer groups and conducts and/or assists with programs for field trips, classes, events and birthday parties.
- Upkeep and cleanliness of the education buildings.

OTHER DUTIES: Please note this job description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties or responsibilities that are required of the employee for their job. This position will primarily be assigned to a specific area, but may be reassigned or requested to work in other sections as needed at the discretion of the Animal Management team. Duties, responsibilities, and activities may change at any time with or without notice.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS: Tasks require the regular, and at times, sustained performance of moderately physically demanding work, typically involving some combination of climbing and balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, and crawling, and that may involve the lifting, carrying, pushing, and/or pulling of moderately heavy objects and materials (20 – 50 lbs.).

POSITION TYPE/ EXPECTED HOURS OF WORK: This is a full-time, entry-level position in the Zoo Education Department. Individuals in this class will gradually assume a higher level of independence working with the animals and a higher degree of interaction with the public, but work is performed under supervision. The candidate must be able to work on weekdays, weekends, holidays, and evenings as job duties demand.

Alexandria Zoo is a small AZA facility that utilizes strong independent individuals to work in a family type setting. We have a diverse small collection of about 500 animals.

Work Hours: 7:30AM – 4:00PM, 5 days a week, including weekends, holidays, and some evenings

Salary: \$12.50/hr

Benefits: Covered by workman's compensation.

TO APPLY: Applications are accepted online at www.thealexandriazoo.com/Jobs.html
Must include copies of driver's license and diploma (or GED) with application.