



LOVELAND LIVING PLANET
AQUARIUM

Position: Volunteer Dive Specialist

Reports To: Dive Program Manager

Position Summary:

The Dive Specialist position will be responsible for assisting with LLPA tank cleaning, maintenance, repair, and animal care. This position will require the Dive Specialist to be in close proximity with the various LLPA inhabitants and closely adhere to the safety protocols of the LLPA Dive Program.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Maintain and inspect all equipment operated by the LLPA.
- Perform maintenance dives in all LLPA exhibits with only a surface dive tender.
- Clean equipment after each dive operation.
- Complete detailed dive profile after each dive operation.
- Demonstrate proficiency in neutral buoyancy to minimize damage to exhibit and injury to inhabitants.
- Participate in regular training and emergency scenarios.
- Maintain a current accredited CPR certification and SCUBA dive log.
- Other duties as assigned.

Education:

- Must be at least 21 years of age and have a current Open Water dive certification from a nationally recognized organization.
- Must have completed a minimum of 25 open water dives in addition to their certification dives. Of the 25 dives, five need to have been completed in the past year.
- Must complete a written and practical exam administered by the LLPA Dive Program.
- Must submit a current physical exam from a board certified physician.
- Must have a current CPR/AED/oxygen administration certification from a nationally recognized organization.
- Advanced Open Water certification or better preferred.
- Dry Suit certification preferred.

Critical Skills/Competencies:

- Must demonstrate proficiency in neutral buoyancy, basic dive communication, basic emergency response, and dive equipment proficiency during a check out dive administered by the LLPA Dive Program.
- Must be able to closely adhere to the safety protocol guidelines of the LLPA and OSHA.
- Must demonstrate proficiency diving in confined spaces and exhibits inhabited by various species of wildlife.

- Must complete a swim test and written test as part of the training for the LLPA Dive Program.
- Must be able to follow basic instruction.
- Must demonstrate attention to detail.

Scope of position:

Must complete a minimum of two dives per month. Divers who qualify for specialty dives are required to complete one dive in the specialty to maintain status. The Dive Specialist must be able to attend all training related to the position. The Dive Specialist must commit to the shift designated by the Volunteer Services Manager for a minimum of one year.

Physical Demands of the Job:

This job requires periods of physical exertion in an aquatic environment for periods determined by nationally accepted guidelines. Dives may involve varied water temperatures and the use of tools and other equipment under water. The Dive Specialist must demonstrate that they are in proper physical condition for vigorous exertion in a confined underwater environment.

This job requires periods of standing and walking as well as extended periods of sitting while using a computer station.

Special Working Conditions:

While this job description attempts to describe the essential functions of the position, it does not prescribe or restrict the tasks that may be assigned. It does not restrict management’s right to assign or reassign duties or responsibilities to this job at any time.

Support Provided:

It is the responsibility of the Volunteer Services Department to:

- Maintain records for all active volunteers.
- Issue all volunteers an identification badge and uniform shirt.
- Provide ongoing support and assistance with volunteer/staff relationships.
- Administer and provide information regarding opportunity and benefits available for active volunteers.
- Provide a written reference pertaining to the volunteer’s experience (hours contributed, length of commitment, job description) as requested.

To Apply:

- An online application is available at:
http://www.thelivingplanet.com/essential_grid/volunteer-opportunities/
- New Volunteer Interviews are held quarterly in January, April, July, and October.

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