



Position: Volunteer Freshwater Specialist

Reports To: LLPA Freshwater Lead

Position Summary:

The Volunteer Freshwater Specialist assists LLPA's Freshwater staff to maintain and improve the level of both aquatic and terrestrial animal husbandry.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Disinfecting equipment, tools, and filtration components
- Assisting with cleaning and maintenance of aquarium systems and terrestrial enclosures
- Food Preparation
- Special projects
- Daily record keeping
- Animal care and enrichment

Requirements:

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must have completed 60 hours in the Exhibit Interpreter Program
- Submit a specialist application to the Volunteer Services Coordinator (applications available in the Volunteer Services Office)

Critical Skills/Competencies:

- Must be able to follow basic instruction.
- Must demonstrate attention to detail.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- With training, have a basic knowledge and understanding of what is needed to become a member of the Freshwater team.
- With training, be able to identify most species at LLPA and become familiar with both aquatic and terrestrial animal collections at LLPA.

Scope of Position:

The volunteer must commit to a minimum one shift every two weeks. A full day shift is preferred. Scheduling different days of the week will allow for a greater variety of tasks. A time commitment of at least 1 year is required. The volunteer must attend all trainings related to the position.

Physical Demands of the Job:

- This opportunity requires long periods of standing, crouching, kneeling, lifting, and walking.
- Must be able to work on ladders and elevated platforms
- Must be able to work in humid, high heat, and wet conditions, often on floors that are slippery
- Must be able to lift 50 lbs.

Special Working Conditions:

While this volunteer description attempts to describe the essential functions of the position, it does not prescribe or restrict the tasks that may be asked of the volunteer.

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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