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Position: Volunteer EAR Specialist

Reports To: Primary Ambassador Animal Keeper and Ambassador Animal Manager

Position Summary:

The Volunteer EAR Specialist assists LLPA's Ambassador Animal staff to maintain and improve the level of animal husbandry for Ambassador Animals.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Monitoring habitat temperatures
- Diet preparation
- Cleaning animal habitats/Water changes
- General cleaning duties
- Some tong feeding
- May have opportunity to create enrichment items

Requirements:

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must have completed 60 hours in the Exhibit Interpreter Program
- Have an interest in animal sciences
- Submit a specialist application to the Volunteer Services Coordinator (applications available on Volgistics)

Critical Skills/Competencies:

- Must be able to follow basic instruction.
- Must demonstrate attention to detail.
- Must follow all EAR policies and procedures for ex.
    - Follow specific diet protocols for each species/individual
    - Keep appropriate and accurate records
    - No handling animals w/o specific permission and guidance from EAR staff
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- With training, have a basic knowledge and understanding of what is needed to become a member of the EAR team.
- With training, be able to carry our husbandry duties for EAR species.

Scope of Position:

Volunteer a minimum of one shift every other week (8am-12pm) A time commitment of at least 6 months 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, and climbing ladders.
- This opportunity requires you to work in areas with wet floors and increased temperatures
- It is recommended that you be able to lift 50 pounds.

Special Working Conditions:

- This position requires the volunteer to work in close proximity to snakes, reptiles, and tarantulas
- 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.

This position requires submission of a Specialist Application that can be found on Volgistics

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