



Effie Yeaw Nature Center

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Position Title: Animal Care Assistant

On-The-Job Supervisor: Animal Care leads and Volunteer Manager.

Objective: The Animal Care Assistant position provides an opportunity for hands-on experience working with the Effie Yeaw Nature Center Animal Care Team in the maintenance and care of non-releasable wildlife and animals. Some of these animals have been injured and require special handling.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Shifts occur daily from 8:30am-12:30pm. Must be able to assist at least one shift a week.
- Animal enclosures maintenance; replace water dishes; and other duties as assigned.
- Observe animal behavior and health, report changes to supervisor.
- Wash dishes, laundry, and other maintenance tasks as assigned.

Secondary responsibilities:

- Handling and transporting of animals.
- Record food intake, prepare medication and administer it appropriately; assist Animal Care leads with higher level duties as appropriate.
- Interpret animal ambassadors for visitors.

Skills/Qualifications needed:

- Must be at least 14 years of age or older.
- Interest in animals and wildlife; no unreasonable fear of snakes, insects, or other animals.
- Interest in learning about natural history and our animal ambassadors.
- Volunteers must be physically fit, able to walk a minimum of 2 miles, balance on uneven surfaces, use tools safely, and perform physical labor for periods of 2-4 hours at a time.
- Background check: Volunteers 18 years of age or older must be free from any arrest or conviction of any felony or misdemeanor offense involving violence, sexual or physical abuse of any adult or child, or any felony narcotic offense. Volunteers 18 years of age or older are required to submit to a background check process before their first day of work.

Training:

- Safety Training and Orientation to the Nature Center provided by Volunteer Manager.
- Training will be given on the job.

Evaluation: Volunteers are encouraged to meet with the Volunteer Manager or their supervisors whenever necessary to discuss situations which may arise on the job. Periodic evaluations will be used to determine if the volunteer's needs and those of the Nature Center are being met.

Commitment:

- On-the-job training and commit to one 4 hour shift once a week for a minimum of 6 months.