

Job Description

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Title:	Aquarium and Wildlife Associate
Reporting to:	Aquarium and Wildlife Director
Full/Part time	Full time or Part time
Exempt/Non-Exempt	Non-Exempt

Description

The aquarium and wildlife associate at Discovery Park supports the organization's mission to inspire children and adults to see beyond. Reporting to the aquarium and wildlife director, the aquarium and wildlife associate assists in running the day-to-day operations of Discovery Park's wildlife department.

The primary role of the aquarium and wildlife associate is to assist in the performance of all daily tasks within the wildlife department. This will include daily animal care routines, habitat maintenance and updates, inventory of equipment and supplies and animal enrichment. Additionally, they help execute special wildlife-related education programs as needed. The wildlife associate will typically work with the Aquarium and Wildlife Director or the Aquarium and Wildlife manager but may be asked to work independently on occasion.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Contributes to the routine care, maintenance and safety of the animal collection including diet preparation, feeding and health and habitat monitoring
- Contributes to the routine care, maintenance and safety of animal habitats including general cleaning, lighting level monitoring and water quality testing
- Contributes to the proper use and care of life support equipment including pumps, filters, ultraviolet sterilizers, chemical dosing equipment and heat exchangers by adhering to a regular preventative maintenance schedule
- Assists with inventory management of essential materials and supplies
- Adheres to all protocols and procedures including maintaining accurate and current recordkeeping for the animal collection and animal housing systems
- Assists with daily educational programs
- Assists with the Tennessee Naturalist Program, Bluebird Monitoring Program, Homeschool Day lessons, wildlife-related marketing projects and on-site education programming as needed
- Assists in the training of interns in the execution of daily animal care routines
- Follows the direction of the department director

Qualifications

- High School Diploma
- Animal handling experience



- Some knowledge of life support systems
- Knowledge of biological processes as they pertain to water quality, physiology, animal health and psychological wellbeing
- Strong identification skills and the ability to identify all animals under your care
- Ability to lift up to 50 pounds, climb ladders and work in varying temperatures

Key Skill Areas

- Possess familiarity with the natural history of all animals in West Tennessee
- Multi-tasking skills
- Observational skills
- Organizational skills
- Computer skills
- Attention to detail

Additionally, the successful candidate will demonstrate a strong sense of customer service, positive attitude, a willingness to learn and a strong desire to succeed.