

**Job Title: Animal Area Volunteer**

**Job Summary:** Volunteers assist staff with daily job functions including care and maintenance of animal facilities and non-contact care of the animals within the collection.

**Essential Job Functions:** Under the direct supervision of staff, volunteers will assist in the preparation of animal diets, cleaning of exhibits and holding areas, minor exhibit maintenance.

**Typical Physical Demands:** Must be able to tolerate heat and cold; lift and carry 50 lbs.; be in good physical health with full range of motion.

**Needed Characteristics, Skills and Experience:** Volunteers must be comfortable around animals, be able to follow verbal instruction, have adequate transportation. Must provide appropriate shoes and clothing.

**Benefits Provided:** Volunteers receive a discount of 40% in the gift shop and Canopy Restaurant, 40% discount on education classes, unless food is provided.

**Length of Commitment:** minimum 6 months (192 hours), ideally 1 year. One 8-hour day/same day each week.

**Evaluation:** As needed

**Schedule of shifts/hours Needed:** Depends on availability in animal areas. Sunday-Saturday, 8 AM to 5 PM (summer hours may vary)

**Training/Continuing Education:** On the job training provided by Zoo Animal Staff.

**Comments:** \* Must be 18 years of age. Volunteers must provide a current TB test before they can begin. Placement subject to an interview after volunteer orientation/recruitment. \$10 application and program fee. Orientation and recruitment held in February, May, August, and October.