Animal Care Intern

Salary: Unpaid
Reports to: Director, Animal Husbandry

Position Overview

We're looking for just the right person to join the Liberty Science Center team as an Animal Care Intern. As an Animal Care Intern you will assist in maintaining the live animal collection at Liberty Science Center and will report to the Director of Animal Husbandry.

About You

You must have a strong interest in working with exotic animals, prior experience is not necessary. Ideal candidates will be highly motivated, detail-oriented, professional, and willing to perform repetitive animal care tasks. Candidates must be able to work effectively with the public in a team-oriented workplace. Candidates should be in good physical condition with the ability to lift a minimum of 50 lbs.

Key Responsibilities

- Study animal collections, scientific names of animals and be prepared to be tested on collections after 30 hours of studying and observing.
- Contribute to providing continual care for the living collection, including marine and freshwater fish, invertebrates, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Tasks include exhibit cleaning, water quality monitoring, food preparation, feeding, and animal observation.
- Maintain cleanliness of all living exhibits and department work areas.
- Assist staff in repair/redesign of existing exhibits and other projects as needed.
- Assist in providing animal enrichment.
- Provide staff presence in the animal exhibitions; Eat & Be Eaten and Our Hudson Home and serve as an educational resource for guests by explaining behavior, habitat, diet, etc.

Preferred Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- **Knowledge**: Candidates should be knowledgeable about marine life, invertebrates, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals.
- **Skills**: Excellent communication skills to service our guests with factual information about our animals.
- **Abilities**: Able to multitask and regulate responsibilities in a timely manner. Be diligent and detailed to maintain the animal's enclosure to pristine standards.

Preferred Qualifications and Experience

- Must be in college, majoring in Biology, Ecology, Evolution or related field.
- Negative TB test results (from nine months or less) prior to internship.
- A commitment of at least 230 hours is required.

Please Note: There is minimal hands-on or direct physical contact with the animals during this internship.

Work Culture at a Glimpse

Schedule
This is a part-time unpaid position. The ideal candidate may be asked to work evenings and weekends as special events require.

Travel
This position may require occasional travel in the greater Metro region.

Environment
Liberty Science Center is located in a beautiful waterfront state park in Jersey City, New Jersey. Not only is Jersey City easy to get to from any points in Northern NJ and Manhattan, but it also holds the title of the most diverse city in the United Sates. Employees have access to free parking, the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail, and the NJ Path train. In addition, all employees have access to an on-site café, a terrace with stunning NYC views, and on-site yoga.

Physical Demands
While performing the duties of this job, the employee must be able to stand for long periods of time while working with staff on museum floors for guest interactions and behind the scenes. The ability to lift 30 pounds is required. The position requires frequent travel throughout the museum floor which includes walking on concrete floors, climbing stairs, etc, and outdoors (walking on uneven ground, exposed to the elements), tolerating high levels of noise, and extensive public speaking, sometimes in noisy environments.

Benefits

- 25% discount in LSC gift shop
- 25% discount in on-site cafeteria
- Six free exhibit & theater passes after 100 hours of volunteering
- $75.00 travel reimbursement once a year
- Volunteer Recognition dinner
- KUDOS rewards program

To apply:

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Liberty Science Center is proud to provide an equal opportunity workplace. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, ancestry, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age, citizenship, marital status, disability, genetics, gender identity, or veteran status and will not be discriminated against on the basis of such characteristics or any other status protected by the laws or regulations in the location where we operate.

LSC actively supports Americans with Disabilities Act and will consider reasonable accommodations.