

Volunteer Position Opening

Title: Animal Feeder (Volunteer Position, Unpaid)

Reports to: Kim Turner, Animal Caretaker

Duration: Ongoing

Time Commitment: 2.5 – 4 hours, weekly for at least 6 months

General Description

Part of Audubon Community Nature Center's mission is to connect people with nature. While always respecting animals as inherently valuable, ACNC also uses animals to inspire visitors to establish a connection with the world around them. Volunteers are vital so ACNC can offer live animals as an added experience.

Animal feeders are responsible for providing proper care and nutrition to the animals that live in the Nature Center.

Animal feeders commit to helping care for the live animals at least once a week on a regular schedule for at least six months. Serious inquiries only please.

Responsibilities

- **Feeding and Care (80%)**
 - Prepare and offer food to the reptiles and amphibians, which may include but is not limited to:
 - i. Cutting up fruit and vegetables
 - ii. Defrosting frozen mice
 - iii. Handling crickets, worms, and other insects
 - Keep track of what food is offered and eaten for each individual
 - Make sure tanks have proper water levels
 - Handle the live animals safely and with care
 - Additional care as needed
- **Cleaning (10%)**
 - Clean and replace water filters
 - Clean and fill water dishes
 - Clean and replace bedding and substrate as needed
 - Wash any supplies used and return to their proper location
 - Keep animal care room organized

- Disinfect surfaces
- Take out trash as needed
- **Documentation (5%)**
 - Document what food is offered to and eaten by each individual
 - Record any additional care given to the animals
 - Document any concerns and report them to the Animal Caretaker
 - Respond to and leave notes for Animal Caretaker and other volunteers as needed
- **Interact with Visitors (5%)**
 - Add to the visitor experience by answering basic questions visitors may have about the live animals housed in the Nature Center

Minimum Qualifications

- At least 16 years of age
- Has reliable transportation
- Able to lift 50 pounds and can stand for the duration of time it takes to feed
- Able to stand on a stepladder
- Comfortable handling reptiles, amphibians, and insects
- Proficient at following instructions
- Able to problem solve
- Self-directed, but also able to work under instruction and with others
- Highly dependable
- Professional and able to take responsibility
- Detail oriented
- Good written and verbal communication

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience caring for reptiles, amphibians, fish, and insects
- Access to email

Training and Orientation

- Attend a general volunteer orientation (approximately 1 – 1.5 hours)
- Attend animal care orientation and feeder training (approximately 3 – 5 hours)

To Apply

Email a letter outlining your availability, experience working with live animals, and why you think you would be a good fit for this volunteer position to Margaret Foley

at mfoley@auduboncnc.org or by mail at:

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