

## **Volunteer Position Opening**

**Title:** Animal Care – Hellbender Keeper (Volunteer Position, Unpaid)

**Reports to:** Animal Care Specialist - Kim Turner

**Duration:** Year-round

**Time Commitment:** 1 – 2 hours weekly and 5 hours to clean the tank once a month

### **General Description**

### **Responsibilities**

- **Weekly:**
  - Feed the Hellbenders and track their diets
  - Complete a partial change of the aquariums water (10-15 gallons)
  - Check water temperature, filtration, chiller, bubbler and lights and make sure they are functioning properly
  - Observe the Hellbenders for any behavioral changes or injuries
  - Communicate with the Animal Care Specialist about any concerns or needs
- **Once a month:**
  - Overhaul the aquarium (empty tank, scrub rocks and décor, replace décor, refill tank, make sure water temperature is correct and equipment is properly hooked up and operating)
  - Clean filter
  - Check on chiller and clean if needed
  - Weigh the Hellbenders

### **Minimum Qualifications**

- At least 16 years of age
- Has reliable transportation
- Able to lift 50 pounds (depending on job)
- Able to stand on a stepladder
- Comfortable handling reptiles and amphibians
- 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

### **Preferred Qualifications**

- Experience with amphibians or reptiles

### **Training and Orientation**

- Training and orientation are provided

### **To Apply**

Send an email outlining your availability, experience working with live animals, and why you are interested in this volunteer position to Kim Turner at [kturner@audubonncnc.org](mailto:kturner@audubonncnc.org) or by mail at:

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