



Volunteer Position: *Wildlife Aide*

CuriOdyssey is a serious science playground. Our exhibits and educational programs inspire excitement, curiosity, and discovery through distinctive, interactive experiences. Our education philosophy includes creating an authentic, inquiry based, and immersive environment, while providing meaningful, robust, and personal learning experiences. We believe it's critical to engage children at a very young age, while their brains and skills of observation and inquiry are developing.

CuriOdyssey is home to over 50 non-releasable animals in our wildlife collection that rely on our Wildlife Department for excellent daily care. Wildlife Aides work side by side with our professional Keepers to maintain a healthy diet and clean, safe environment for all of our animals.

Major Responsibilities:

- Assist Animal Keepers with cleaning and maintaining animal exhibits.
- Assist with diet preparation and feeding of animals.
- Help keep the commissary tidy and organized. Clean tools and equipment.
- Assist with animal enrichment as needed.
- Assist Keepers with other Wildlife Department activities as needed.

Qualifications/Skills Required:

- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Previous experience with wildlife helpful, but not necessary.
- Proof of current tetanus shot.
- Interest in wildlife and the environment.
- Take and follow oral and written instructions well.
- Hard working, reliable, flexible and energetic.
- Must be willing to do light to heavy cleaning. This position requires physical labor—frequent bending and lifting.

Training Provided:

- General orientation to CuriOdyssey and our mission, policies, and procedures.
- Training provided on-the-job by the Animal Keepers.

Commitment: One 9am-1pm shift per week on a regularly scheduled day for at least 6 months (longer than 6 months greatly preferred). (More opportunities to become involved in animal enrichment and handling if you can stay beyond 1pm.)

Benefits:

- Opportunity to gain valuable experience toward a career in animal husbandry.
- Opportunity to work around animals, and be trained to handle some animals.
- Knowledge that you are helping to provide a healthy and safe living environment for animals that would be unable to survive in the wild.
- 15% discount in the CuriOdyssey Store. Discounted museum membership.

To Apply: Complete and submit a Volunteer Application (available at www.CuriOdyssey.org). You will then be contacted to arrange an initial Volunteer Interview and possible referral to the Wildlife Department. For more information, contact: Lee Cauble, Volunteer Manager, LCauble@CuriOdyssey.org, 650-340-7580.

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