



Mission: *Inspire love for science and curiosity about the world to create a brighter future*

Volunteer Position: Wildlife Aide

At CuriOdyssey, we are a serious science playground dedicated to sparking excitement, curiosity, and discovery through our unique, interactive exhibits and educational programs. Our education philosophy centers on creating an authentic, inquiry-based, and immersive environment that offers meaningful, robust, and personalized learning experiences. We believe it is critical to engage children at a very young age, fostering their developing observation and inquiry skills.

CuriOdyssey is home to approximately 100 non-releasable animals that depend on our Wildlife Department for exceptional daily care. As a Wildlife Aide, you'll assist our professional Keepers in maintaining healthy diets and ensuring clean, safe living environments for all our animals.

Major Responsibilities:

- Assist Animal Keepers with cleaning and maintaining animal exhibits
- Assist with diet preparation
- 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 is helpful but optional
- 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
- Apply a DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) lens when engaging with children, ensuring fair and equitable treatment. Avoid over-policing children and strive to understand and respect the diverse backgrounds and experiences of all children.

Time Commitment:

- Commit to one or more weekly shifts from 9AM to 1PM, on a regular day for at least 6 months

- A commitment longer than 6 months is strongly preferred

Training Provided:

- Required new volunteer orientation to CuriOdyssey, our mission, policies, and procedures
- On-the-job training provided by the Director and Assistant Director of Wildlife

Benefits:

- Opportunity to gain experience caring for native wildlife
- Learn about and gain experience working in a zoo environment
- Contribute to the welfare of non-releasable animals
- Free admission, and free membership (once you log 50+ hours)
- 15% discount in CuriOdyssey Shop

To Apply:

- We conduct a thorough selection process for every volunteer position, which includes an application, interview, and reference check, plus a background clearance
- Interested applicants should complete an online volunteer application:
<https://curiodyssey.org/get-involved/volunteer/volunteer-application/>

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