

**SCIENCENTER POSITION DESCRIPTION**  
**Animal Keeper**  
**August 2022**

**TITLE OF SUPERVISOR**

Manager of Live Collections

**MAIN FUNCTIONS**

Animal Keeper assists the Live Exhibits Manager with providing animal husbandry and exhibit maintenance for the Sciencenter's live animal exhibits, and for enhancing the guest experience by engaging them with the collection.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Animal Care

Provides daily animal husbandry for Sciencenter's live animal exhibits. Activities include daily feeding and habitat cleaning, water changes, monitoring life support systems, upgrading/enhancing habitats and enclosures, and general troubleshooting.

Monitors animal health and works with Live Exhibits Manager to provide appropriate treatments or actions to ensure optimal animal care.

Maintains proper animal husbandry logs to document animal care and water quality.

Performs preventative maintenance on live animal exhibits.

Performs routine water quality tests, analyzes data and makes adjustments as needed.

Maintains animal support areas by keeping them clean and organized.

**EXPERIENCE AND REQUIREMENTS**

Enthusiasm for the Sciencenter's mission of engaging, educating and empowering its guests through interactive experiences with science.

Strong background in the life sciences and/or environmental sciences and experience with live animal care preferred.

Must be a proactive, timely and respectful communicator who is able to work across different staffing schedules.

Excellent organizing and documenting skills.

Strong customer service orientation and willingness to provide assistance to others.

Flexible and willing to learn new things.

Open to receiving feedback from supervisors and peers. Able to respect divergent viewpoints and accept decisions that have been made by others.

Collaborative spirit and respectful toward colleagues, volunteers and guests.

### **WORKING CONDITIONS**

We are working towards creating a more inclusive workplace and are looking for candidates who share our commitment. Non-profit, informal educational organization. Fast-paced environment with many, varied, simultaneous projects. Must work well in both an individual and team setting.

### **TIME COMMITMENT**

Part-time (10 hours/week) non-exempt position.

### **SALARY & BENEFITS**

Starting salary is \$17.47/hour. Pro-rated Sciencenter benefits available.

### **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

To apply, please submit a resume and 1 page cover letter that highlights how your past experience, both formal and informal, has prepared you for this position.

Please send application as one PDF to: [cfagan@sciencenter.org](mailto:cfagan@sciencenter.org)

Open until filled.

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