



Program Animal Zookeeper/Educator

The Fresno Chaffee Zoo inspires wonder of our natural world, provides an engaging learning environment, and creates a passion for conservation. Serving the central San Joaquin Valley, the zoo is committed to sustaining professional active participation in wildlife conservation, research and wildlife education. As a proud recipient of the AZA Top Honor Exhibit Award, we are committed to providing our local community and the AZA community exhibits and programs we all can be proud of.

November 4th marked an important day for Fresno County as our community voted to continue to financially support the Zoo through the approval of Measure Z. This measure provides us with financial security that allows us to continue to offer an incredible experience for our guests while providing excellent animal care, and a challenging yet fulfilling working environment. For more information on this project please visit our website and watch the posted video that showcases our most recent project: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vhnj1_KgpwY

Responsibilities

The Program Animal Zookeeper/Educator will provide skilled daily care of the Zoo's program animals in a zoological setting. Under general supervision of the Curator of Education with assistance from the Animal Care Staff, the responsibilities and duties of the Program Animal Zookeeper Assistants include, but are not necessarily limited to, the maintenance and observation for the health, feeding and care of a variety of zoo program animals; record keeping; assisting in the movement of animals as directed; interacting with zoo docents; excellence in guest relations skills, media, Behind the Scenes tours, school and general audience presentation of the program animals. Also responsible for driving zoo vehicles to pick up supplies and materials as assigned and zoomobile for offsite presentation.

Requirements:

One year experience in the care, handling and feeding of animals in a zoological setting is preferred. A Bachelor's degree (BA or BS) from an accredited college or university; and one year related experience and/or training; or an equivalent combination of education and experience required. Twelve units of accredited college or university level course work in animal science, zoology, biology, wildlife management, or related field may be substituted for six (6) months experience. Experience in an AZA facility is preferred. Requires a valid California driver's license and good driving record. Experience operating various types of machinery, including, but not limited to forklifts and pallet jacks. Good written and verbal communications skills are essential. Must be able to work evenings, weekdays, weekends, and holidays.

Good physical condition: ability to lift a minimum of 75 lbs. (i.e. feed sack) and move a minimum of 100 lbs. (i.e. hay bale). While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to stand; walk and reach with hands and arms. The employee is occasionally required to sit; climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. Vision capabilities required include close, distance and peripheral vision, depth perception and ability to adjust focus. Evaluating animal health, diet, or environment requires hearing and smell. Interaction with guests and animals requires talking and hearing. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is occasionally exposed to wet or humid conditions (non-weather) and outdoor weather conditions. The employee is occasionally in direct contact with exotic animals and is occasionally exposed to work near moving mechanical parts; work in high, precarious places. The noise level in the work environment varies. Occasional loud noises from visitors, animals or equipment are experienced.

We will begin interviewing for these positions in early spring. If you have the desire and skills needed to help create an all-around dynamic experience at Fresno Chaffee Zoo, apply no later than December 6, 2015 as directed below.

Please submit resume to careers@fresnochaffeezoo.org or mail to:
Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation, 894 W Belmont Ave. Fresno, CA 93728.

Applicants can visit www.fresnochaffeezoo.org to apply online.
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