

BINDER PARK ZOO

ZOOKEEPER

Mission Statement: To Connect, Inspire, Conserve. Connect people with nature. Inspire them to conserve.

REPORTS TO: Collections Supervisor

SEASONAL/NON-SEASONAL: Non-seasonal, Benefited

FLSA STATUS: Hourly, Non-Exempt

POSITION SUMMARY:

To assist the zoo in accomplishing its mission while providing daily care of a variety of exotic and domestic animals.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS:

- Four year related degree or a two year related degree and two years' experience in an animal related field.
- Minimum one year experience caring for animals; experience working with exotic hoof stock a plus.
- Excellent communication, judgment and record keeping skills.
- Possessing a strong interest in working with animals and people.
- Proof of negative TB test within one year and proof of tetanus shot within five years.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Daily cleaning, feeding, enriching and observing a group of potentially dangerous animals in a designated area.
- Maintaining accurate records.
- Daily informing supervisor and veterinarian on physical and behavioral health of the animals in their areas.
- Responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of exhibits, guest viewing areas and animal holding areas.
- Assisting with veterinary procedures as needed.
- Relating positively with diverse groups of people (guests, staff and volunteers).

OTHER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Providing assistance to co-workers, zoo attendants, interns and volunteers when needed.
- Complying with all USDA regulations including the cleaning and up-keep of feed storage areas.
- Complying with safety regulations when handling hazardous materials.
- Interacting positively with guests and providing assistance when needed.
- Complying with all Binder Park Zoo policies and procedures.
- Participating in team oriented zoo projects as needed.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES: N/A

PHYSICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEMANDS:

- Ability to work long hours on a flexible schedule including weekends, evenings, holidays and emergencies.
- Ability to read, speak and write English in order to fulfill job functions in an understandable way.
- Ability to lift and carry 50 lbs.
- Ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions and in a physically demanding environment.