



## **JOB POSTING**

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**Job Title:** Assistant Trainer  
**Status:** Seasonal  
**Number of Positions:** 1

**Classification:** Non-Exempt  
**Reports to:** Supervisor of Marine Mammals  
**Posting Deadline:** 3/31/2020

### **Description**

Reporting to the Supervisor of Marine Mammals, this position shall provide a supportive role in the operation and function of the Marine Mammal Care Department, with final authority in such matters remaining with the Director of Animal Care.

This entry-level position is responsible for assisting with the daily care and behavioral conditioning of the marine mammal collection. The Seasonal Apprentice Trainer's primary objective and responsibility is to provide support to senior training staff and to play supportive roles in the execution of daily shows, guest interactions, and other programs as applicable. Other responsibilities include but are not limited to: food preparation, environmental enrichment, facility/habitat maintenance, accurate record keeping, and animal observations. Executes daily routine operations in accordance with section's standard operating procedures.

### **Essential Responsibilities**

- Assists in the daily care and behavioral conditioning of the pinniped collection
- Able to identify all animals in the marine mammal collection, and observe any possible abnormalities
- Possess a strong knowledge of marine mammal history, individual animal histories and husbandry
- Play an active role in guest interaction and encounter programs
- Maintains a high level of showmanship while performing supportive roles in daily shows and presentations
- Uphold USDA standards in all areas of operation including fish kitchen, animal areas, laboratory, freezers/coolers and medical facilities
- Perform other duties as workload necessitates, regardless of time, day or location
- Perform regular pool maintenance on marine mammal exhibits/enclosures
- Possess knowledge of prudent safety procedures and policies for work within the department and animal enclosures
- Be aware of animal handling and restraint techniques to ensure the well-being of the marine mammal collection
- Responsible to recognize and treat volunteers and interns with respect and as a fellow team member
- Commit to providing them with a beneficial and positive learning experience
- Assist with developmental goals of interns and volunteers.
- Maintain a friendly, courteous and helpful attitude towards visitors

### **Qualifications**

- Preferred: Current and valid SCUBA certification through an accredited diving agency and documented 10 hours of recreational and/or facility maintenance diving
- College degree in biology, psychology or related science or years' hands on experience equivalent to schooling
- Must be able to demonstrate a proficiency in public speaking and guest interaction
- Must be able to work on a team, as well as function individually with little supervision when necessary
- Must be able to lift and carry fifty (50) pounds, work on un-even and slippery surfaces, withstand temperatures of hot and cold, and sit/stand for long periods of time when necessary
- Ability to pass swim test, which includes, but not limited to minimum requirements for treading water, breath holding, and free diving.

### **To Apply**

Interested applicants should visit <http://www.aquariumofniagara.org/careers> to complete an employment application and attach relevant materials by **March 31, 2020**.

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