



JOB POSTING

Job Title: Seasonal Assistant Trainer
Status: Seasonal: May 2023 – Sept. 2023/Part Time hours
Number of Positions: 2

Classification: Non-Exempt
Reports to: Supervisor of Marine Mammals & Birds
Posting Deadline: April 14, 2023

Candidates must be able to start by May 22, 2023, to be considered for the position.

Description

Reporting to the Supervisor of Marine Mammals & Birds, this position shall provide a supportive role in the operation and function of the Marine Mammals & Birds Department, with final authority in such matters remaining with the Director of Animal Care. This position is responsible for assisting with the daily care of marine mammals and birds. Seasonal Assistant Trainers also provide support for shows, presentations, and interaction programs. Other responsibilities include but are not limited to food preparation, facility/habitat maintenance, accurate record keeping, and animal observations.

Essential Responsibilities

- Able to identify all animals in the marine mammal and bird collection, and observe any possible abnormalities and report any concerns to leadership team
- Possess a strong knowledge of marine mammal and bird history, individual animal histories and husbandry
- Recognize signs of aggression and be aware of safety protocol for each respective species of the marine mammal and birds collection
- Provide safe and creative environmental enrichment devices to the marine mammal and bird collection
- Provides support for shows, presentations, and animal interaction programs
- Talk seal presentations and assist with talking during seal encounters
- Uphold USDA, AZA and AMMPA standards in all areas of operation including commissary, animal areas, laboratory, freezers/coolers and medical facilities
- Play a key role in maintaining the highest standards in the areas of husbandry/cleanliness, diet preparation, record keeping, animal observations, and facility maintenance
- Perform other duties as workload necessitates, regardless of time, day or location
- Perform basic water quality and life support procedures on marine mammal and bird pools
- Possess knowledge of prudent safety procedures and policies for work within the department and animal enclosures
- Be aware of the use and location of personal protective equipment, and ensure equipment is in good, working condition
- Commit to providing interns and volunteers with a beneficial and positive learning experience
- Always remain acutely aware of the presence of needs of guests of the Aquarium of Niagara
- Maintain a friendly, courteous, and helpful attitude towards visitors

Experience Required

- College degree in biology, psychology or related science or years of 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
- Willing to work a flexible schedule to include weekdays, weekends, evenings, and holidays
- 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

To Apply

Please send resume and cover letter to tweber@aquariumofniagara.org no later than April 14, 2023. Be sure to include Seasonal Assistant Trainer in the subject line of any correspondences.

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