



JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Aquarist
Department: Marine Operations
Report To: Senior Aquarist/Assistant Curator of Exhibits
FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

Position Overview

Become a member of our Aquarist team at Coral World Ocean Park in sunny St Thomas, US Virgin Islands. We are looking for an experienced candidate that will carry out husbandry duties for the many animals and exhibits we offer to our guests. This demanding job requires attention to detail, time management skills and a positive attitude that can be shared with our visitors.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities (Essential Functions):**

- Daily care and maintenance of the park's animal exhibits and collection including fish, rays, sharks, sea turtles and many others.
- Performs public presentations to large groups of guests and feeding demonstrations with the animals while interacting in a positive manner that represents the park.
- Collection of specimens for aquatic exhibits and assist with designing new exhibits.
- Husbandry tasks including performing observational rounds, diet preparation and disease recognition.
- Participating in basic animal training for some of the collection species.
- Maintaining daily record keeping in accordance with established procedures.
- Maintaining exhibits and pools, including the use of SCUBA for underwater tasks
- Participate in special events and educational programs.
- Keeping behind the scenes areas clean and organized.
- Working in a team environment and assist in all areas of the park, as needed.

Supervisory Responsibility

This position has no supervisory responsibilities.

Physical Requirements

- The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by the employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this position. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.
- Ability to see and hear; stand, walk, stoop, kneel, swim, and crouch; use arms and hands; handle objects, tools, and controls; and sit. Ability to lift and move 50 pounds.

Position Type and Expected Hours of Work

This is a full-time position. Days and hours are scheduled based on the needs of the company.

Qualifications & Skills

REQUIRED:

- Bachelor's degree in Marine Biology, Zoology, Biology, or related field.
- Minimum of 2 years professional experience in an aquarium or marine-related field.
- Must be able to lift 50 lbs., and able to pass a swim/endurance test.
- Open Water SCUBA certification required from accredited agency.
- Must be a team player with strong communication skills, have a positive attitude, and an outgoing personality, with the ability to work well unsupervised.
- Must be aware of the challenges of living on a Caribbean island (high cost of living, working in the sun and heat all day, etc.).
- Basic computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Excel.
- Flexible with non-traditional schedules (working holidays and weekends).
- Must be able to work in the U.S.

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- Wants to work in the Hospitality Industry.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Must be willing to work overtime, holidays, and weekends as requested by manager.
- Must be a team player and be able to get along with others.
- Must be personable, courteous, and able to work under pressure.

Other Duties

Please note this job description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties or responsibilities that are required of the employee for this job. Duties, responsibilities and activities may change according to the needs of Coral World Ocean Park without being specifically included in the job description.

Please include the job title in the subject. References required.

Please submit cover letter, resume, and references by email to be considered for the position.

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