Animal Husbandry Aide Volunteer Program

The OKC Zoo has opportunities for those who are seeking experience in exotic animal husbandry and those who would just like to help our animal staff care for our exciting animals.

Animal Husbandry Aide Volunteer Summary:
Under the direct supervision of staff, these volunteers assist staff with care and maintenance of animal facilities and non-contact care of the animals within the collection, such as preparation of animal diets, exhibit cleaning, enrichment, and minor exhibit maintenance, including yardwork.

Shifts: Shifts are available Sunday-Saturday from 8am-5pm. Shift opportunities vary by area.

Requirements:
- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Commitment: One 8-hour shift each week for at least six months.
- Approved through a screening process that includes an interview.
- Fee: $44.50 (to cover drug screening, background check, and a uniform shirt).
- Submit to a background check and drug screening.
- Provide proof of a negative Tuberculosis (TB) test.
- Abide by the Zoo’s Personal Appearance Policy.
- Can fulfill the following physical/cognitive requirements:
  - Ability to walk, stand, and sit for periods of time.
  - Ability to bend, stoop, climb, and kneel.
  - Ability to push, lift, and carry objects weighing more than 25 lbs.
  - Strong sensory skills, including eyesight and hearing.
  - Ability to work in extreme weather and noise conditions.
  - Good oral communication skills.
  - Ability to independently understand and follow directions.
  - Ability to maintain a calm manner around animals.

How to apply:
To apply, please attend an upcoming volunteer orientation and interview session.

- **2017 Orientation Dates:** Feb 4, May 6, Aug 5, and Nov 4
- **Time:** Orientation will begin at 10am and the interviews will begin at 11am. The length of interviews is dependent on the number and interests of the applicants.
- **Location:** Rosser Conservation Education Center (located at east end of Zoo parking lot)

Additional Information:
- Please be aware that the OKC Zoo is not designated as a non-profit organization.
- Volunteers must sign a waiver of liability and policies.
- Volunteers who do not adhere to safety rules or no-show will not be allowed to return.