



**Posting Location:** Aquarist

The Akron Zoo is seeking a full-time, 40-hour per week Wild Animal Keeper with excellent communication and interpersonal skills and a mature attitude, for physical work (which includes climbing and walking on uneven terrain; entering and wading into pools; climbing hills, stairs and ladders; wearing PPE; lifting up to 50 lbs.; and working outside in all weather conditions, etc.). Candidates must possess a strong conservation ethic, and exceptional interpersonal skills in order to provide high quality care for assigned areas. Previous entomology experience is preferred with an interest in live cultures as well as basic working knowledge of aquatics, reptiles and amphibians will be needed.

The Aquatics Principal Wild Animal Keeper will be responsible for the overall care and welfare of the animals and spaces assigned to them (potentially including various salt water and fresh water systems including coral, jellies, warm and cold water systems, African cichlids, Amazonian exhibit). They will be expected to use knowledge of species natural behaviors and natural habitats to guide and be involved with evaluating husbandry practices, aquaculture, exhibit structure and design, environmental parameters, and filtration systems. Basic skills in plumbing and LSS are preferred. Employees are expected to follow all area servicing guidelines, correct water quality issues, schedule routine water changes, and possess strong skills in record keeping. This keeper will also periodically rotate through our other Ectotherm areas such as our herpetological, entomological and fresh water aquariums.

A four-year degree is strongly preferred; a minimum of an Associate's degree or equivalent is required. A minimum of six months of animal care experience at an AZA accredited facility is required; also a minimum of three years of progressive work experience is strongly preferred. Must be available weekends, holidays, and for a flexible schedule and must be able to meet all other requirements of the job.

This position is responsible for accomplishment of primary animal care, and all related duties in the zoo. Must be available weekends, holidays, and for a flexible schedule. EOE, 18 or over to apply.

If you are interested in this position, please submit your resume to Felicia Williams, Human Resources, Akron Zoo, 500 Edgewood Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44307; fax (330) 374-8939, or email [HR@akronzoo.org](mailto:HR@akronzoo.org).