Akron Zoological Park
External Job Posting

Position: Full-Time Wild Animal Keeper: Ectotherm Unit

Current Starting Time: Varied
*** (Start time will change with season/programing)

Current Hours worked: To be determined *** (Hours worked will change with season/programming)

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 position will be located on the Ectotherm unit, and will be responsible for the overall care of the Zoo’s collection of colonies and spaces assigned to them. This includes our frugivorous microbat colony, naked mole rats, our critically endangered Partula snail colony, leaf cutter ants, stick insects, and other invertebrates. This Keeper will also periodically rotate through our other Ectotherm areas such as our herpetological and aquatic collections.
- This Keeper will be expected to guide and be involved with evaluating husbandry practices, population trends, exhibit structure and design, environmental parameters, and live plant care. With appropriate input from other team members, s/he will be expected to have significant input on plans, protocols and background documents such as breeding plans, follow routine servicing guidelines, and possess strong skills in record keeping.

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 is a Collective Bargaining Unit position and will adhere to union contract.

Interested candidates may submit a cover letter and resume via e-mail, mail or fax to: Human Resources, Akron Zoo, 500 Edgewood Avenue, Akron, OH 44307; fax 330-374-8939; e-mail hr@akronzoo.org.

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