Volunteer Position
Animal Care Attendant

Summary: The purpose of this position is to assist with the day-to-day husbandry of SNCO’s live ambassador animals including raptors, reptiles, amphibians, fish, mammals and invertebrates.

Duties:
- Open, clean and sanitize bird aviaries.
- Prepare diets and feed animals according to best practices in food safety and following protocols for individual animals.
- Assist with monitoring and maintaining aquarium exhibits including performing water changes, misting, and checking humidity and temperature levels.
- Conduct behavioral observations of animals using ethograms.
- Monitor behavior and health of animals and record and report results.
- Distribute enrichment as needed/assigned.

Shift Information:
- Weekly shifts are available each day.
- During peak season (May – October) shifts are from 7:30am – 9:30am. Shifts during the non-peak season are from 8:30am – 10:30am. Volunteers must be able to commit to the full 2-hour shift.
- Weekly commitment for a minimum of six months is required. Shorter summer positions for students and seasonal residents may be considered.

Location:
- Outdoors and/or indoors, depending on task.

Attire and Equipment:
- Closed-toe shoes
- Uniform shirt (provided by SNCO)
- Personal protective equipment is required for some tasks (provided by SNCO)
- This position may involve the use of hand tools provided by SNCO.

Qualifications:
- Must be aged 18 or older
- Must provide proof of a current tetanus vaccination
- Clean background check

Mandatory Trainings
- Attend yearly training on Avian Behavior
- Attend Learning and Training workshop within 3 months of starting position and on a yearly basis thereafter

Physical Requirements:
- Stand, walk, and/or sit for extended periods
- Lift, hold and move objects up to 25 pounds
- Walk over uneven terrain (gravel, wood chips)
- Climbing and standing on a step stool or short ladder
- Balancing on one leg for short periods of time
- Stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl