



Job Description

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Title:	Aquarium and Wildlife Director
Reporting to:	Senior Director of Exhibits and Collections
Full/Part time	Full time
Exempt/Non-Exempt	Exempt

Description

The wildlife director at Discovery Park supports Discovery Park's mission to inspire children and adults to see beyond. Reporting to the senior director of exhibits and collections, the aquarium and wildlife director leads the day-to-day operations of Discovery Park's wildlife department. The director supervises and implements animal care routines, habitat maintenance and updates, inventory of equipment and supplies, license and permit management and animal enrichment. They lead the team in planning, organizing and executing wildlife-related education programs and work as a representative of Discovery Park in community programs as needed.

The wildlife director contributes to the overall direction of the organization and provides leadership, especially in the area of wildlife education and conservation.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Manages and contributes to the care, maintenance and safety of the animal collection including diet preparation, feeding and health and habitat monitoring.
- Manages and contributes to the care, maintenance and safety of animal habitats including general cleaning, lighting level monitoring and water quality testing.
- Ensures proper use and care of life support equipment including pumps, filters, ultraviolet sterilizers, chemical dosing equipment and heat exchangers by adhering to a regular preventative maintenance schedule.
- Manages and schedules department staff and continuously evaluates their delegated projects and routines to ensure staff time is efficiently utilized.
- Purchases and maintains inventory of essential materials and supplies within the bounds of the department's budget.
- Develops and implements training guides, protocols, procedures and accurate recordkeeping for the animal collection and animal housing systems.
- Ensures that all licenses, regulations and permits are adhered to and current.
- Coordinates and oversees the Tennessee Naturalist Program, Bluebird Monitoring Program, Homeschool Day lessons, wildlife-related marketing projects and on-site education programming.



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Qualifications

- Bachelor of Science degree
- At least five years of experience in a related field
- Animal handling experience
- Knowledge of life support systems
- Extensive knowledge of biological processes as they pertain to water quality, physiology, animal health and psychological wellbeing
- Strong identification skills and the ability to identify all animals under your care
- Ability to lift up to 50 pounds, climb ladders and work in varying temperatures

Key Skill Areas

- Possess familiarity with the natural history of all animals in West Tennessee
- Multi-tasking skills
- Observational skills
- Organizational skills
- Computer skills
- Attention to detail

Additionally, the successful candidate will demonstrate a strong sense of customer service, positive attitude, a willingness to learn and a strong desire to succeed.

To apply, [download your application here](#), fill it out, and email it along with your resume to jobs@discoveryparkofamerica.com, fax to (731) 885-7276 or drop off at the Discovery Park ticket window.