Animal Care Assistant – Volunteer Position

Description:
The Animal Care Assistant helps SCI’s Animal Specialist care for the animals, amphibians and reptiles in the What On Earth? Experience Platform. The Animal Care Assistant helps ensure the health and wellbeing of SCI’s animals by cleaning cages and feeding the animals on a weekly basis.

Duties:
• Replace mouse and rat bedding once a week.
• Feed Painted Turtle, Musk Turtle and Box Turtle.
• Clean Glass enclosures
• Monitor the animals’ health and wellbeing

Qualifications:
• Completion of Animal Care Training with SCI’s Animal Specialist
• Good communication skills and an eye for detail
• Enjoys rodents, amphibians, reptiles and is comfortable with crickets and mealworms
• Passion for animal care and learning about animals
• Punctuality and dependability are essential

Expectations:
• Understands and supports the purpose, structure and policies of the Science Center of Iowa
• Offers the use of skills or experience
• Behaves in accordance with SCI’s standards of conduct and ethics
• Completes any orientation or on-the-job training required
• Flexibility in accepting assignments, performs assigned responsibilities willingly and courteously to the best of your ability
• Accepts the guidance and feedback of the Volunteer Manager
• Complies with the scheduling and dress requirements of the Science Center of Iowa
• Obey and upholds all security and safety rules of the Science Center of Iowa
• Respects the confidentiality of sensitive information
• Provides timely notification of tardiness or absence to the Volunteer Manager
• Serve as a goodwill ambassador of the Science Center of Iowa to the community

Training:
All volunteers receive a tour, general orientation to SCI and volunteer handbook. Animal Care Assistants will receive specific animal care training with SCI’s Animal Specialist. There will be a checklist of training topics to document the completion of each stage of training. The Animal Specialist will be available to answer any questions that arise.

Hours: Volunteer shifts for the Animal Care Assistant vary; shifts are typically 2-4 hours during regular SCI hours of operation.