



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
- Obeys 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.