



Leslie Science & Nature Center

Wildlife Husbandry Manager Job Posting

Position Description

If your passion and educational background is in wildlife husbandry and you're interested in working with a world-class science and nature center, we want to talk with you! Leslie Science & Nature Center has an exciting Full-Time opportunity for a Wildlife Husbandry Manager who will provide the best care for an extensive variety of wildlife.

Responsibilities

- Conduct regular husbandry tasks for all wildlife including feeding, cleaning, weighing, fecal examinations and water quality monitoring; wildlife includes raptors, reptiles, amphibians, small mammals including bats, insects, and arachnids.
- Perform daily animal and plant welfare checks to ensure the highest quality of care and husbandry is being provided to all wildlife.
- Provide quality enrichment for exhibit and program animals.
- Care and maintenance of habitat features, materials and equipment such as lighting, filters, pumps, plants and substrates.
- Maintain breeding populations of various wildlife and prey items.
- Maintain records and logs of husbandry tasks and assessments.
- Provide training, mentoring and oversight to wildlife volunteers, interns and other staff.

Qualifications

- Bachelors Degree in environmental education, interpretation, biology, natural resources or related field preferred; five plus years of experience working with live animals in a husbandry and handling capacity is required.
- Experience with advanced bird of prey and reptile husbandry skills preferred.
- Knowledge of aquatic filtration systems and water quality methods and procedures.
- Knowledge of Michigan's natural history and native flora/fauna.
- Ability to engage with children and adults from diverse backgrounds.
- Must be at least 18 years of age and able to receive a clean criminal background check & central registry clearance.
- Currently certified, or ability to be certified, in CPR and First Aid within 30 days of employment.
- Willing to get any needed vaccinations for wildlife handling.
- Ability and interest in working with a variety of wildlife while working outside in all weather conditions.
- Able to walk long distances on uneven ground and lift at least 50 pounds.
- Computer literacy on a Microsoft-based platform.

Hours

The team member in this role can anticipate a varied schedule including week nights and weekends.

Pay

This full-time position pays \$30,000 - \$35,000 annually and is full benefits eligible (medical, dental, retirement contribution after two years, holidays and paid-time-off).