

POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE: Assistant Roving Naturalist (Seasonal Intern)

GROUP/DEPARTMENT: Conservation, Education and Training/High School & College Outreach Programs

JOB RELATIONSHIPS:

Reports to: Coordinator, Conservation Science Scholars

Supervises: No one

BASIC FUNCTION: This position contributes to the success of the Chicago Zoological Society by engaging guests and providing informative and innovative education to increase guests' appreciation of animals and nature and to contribute to providing an exceptional guest experience. The basic function of this position is primarily to focus on connecting guests with wildlife and nature through close-up animal encounters and animal-related chats.

PRIMARY JOB DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential job functions.

1. * Under supervision, engages guests in celebrating animals and nature by interpreting animals and conducting daily zoo chats for zoo guests.
2. * Under supervision, learn to develop and implement daily thematic presentations.
3. Other related duties as assigned.

**Denotes Essential Job Function(s)*

POSITION REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS:

- Minimum 16 years of age.
- Must be at least a sophomore in high school.
- Internships are available for individuals currently participating in the King Conservation Science Scholars program. Must have at least completed 1 full year in the King conservation Science Scholars program and be in good standing.
- English fluency. Ability to read, write, speak and comprehend at an intermediate level.
- Demonstrated strong interpersonal and communication skills.
- Must be outgoing and able to work independently.
- Must be able to work well with others and able to take and follow directions carefully.
- Must be willing to work with a variety of invertebrates, including arachnids, crustaceans and insects.
- Must be open to new experiences.
- Experience and/or ability to work and interact effectively with a diverse, multicultural audience.

DESIRABLE/PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Multilingual ability, Spanish fluency a plus.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This position description summarizes the primary duties and functions of this position, but should not be considered a complete listing of every duty the incumbent may ever be called upon to perform. This position is assigned to work outdoors at a variety of locations along pathways and throughout the Zoo. This seasonal position lasts primarily between April and September depending on the needs of the operation. Incumbent must have the ability to work evenings, weekends and holidays as needed. The required uniform for Assistant Roving Naturalists is khaki (tan) pants to be provided by the employee and a Society-issued uniform shirt. Additional uniform shirts and approved apparel are available for purchase. The Society will issue a nametag to be prominently worn by the employee. Shoes are to be conservative, maintained in good condition, and appropriate to the employee's position and job duties. Work schedules are based on the needs of the operation. Assistant Roving Naturalists are assigned to work outdoors at a variety of locations such as Dragonfly Marsh, North and South gates, seasonal/temporary exhibits, along pathways and throughout zoo grounds.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS: See physical requirements sheet.