

Safari Lake Geneva

W1612 Litchfield Rd.
Lake Geneva, WI 53147

Safari Park Staff - Limited Term Employment

May 1, 2018

Overview

Safari Lake Geneva is a conservation center for species survival dedicated to the protection and propagation of vanishing wildlife and heritage breeds of livestock and poultry. It is committed to supporting and securing a future for wildlife in the wild as well as to promoting awareness of conservation issues and animals in general through engaging, educational, and entertaining experiences.

Staff performs all job assignments with a positive attitude that supports Safari Lake Geneva's mission and vision of promoting awareness of conservation issues through immersive and interactive animal experiences. This position, in coordination with the Director of Science and Education, interprets the park's fauna and flora for guests of all ages in various program formats and trains, presents, and cares for the animals in the collection.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Educates and interprets, in a variety of settings for a broad diversity of audiences, experiences including, but not limited to, guided safari tours, formal and informal on-site programs, behind-the-scenes experiences, and off-site programs
- Gives input to program and tour messaging development and collects program feedback

- Operates a variety of vehicles and equipment
- Handles artifacts and biofacts and maintains program materials and props
- Assists with care for and handling of animals, including diet preparation, feeding, and cleaning
- Administers medications and nutritional supplements as assigned
- Works with Director of Science and Education to develop program animal training and enrichment guidelines and schedule
- Assists with training seasonal interns in program animal handling and animal care
- Ensures animal safety in and around vehicles when traveling both on and off grounds
- Performs regular light maintenance and custodial duties

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES

- Educates and interprets while working with a variety of different audiences including families, school groups, VIPs, disabled guests, seniors, Scouts, etc.
- Interacts with groups to meet specific needs while maintaining high level of professionalism consistent with Safari Lake Geneva's mission and vision
- Maintains logs and records concerning animal health and care
- Observes animals' behaviors and reports abnormal conditions; assists with animal feeding and enclosure cleaning
- Performs routine and minor maintenance and custodial duties as needed

ANCILLARY FUNCTIONS

- Adheres to all Safari Lake Geneva policies and practices
- Performs related duties and responsibilities as required

QUALIFICATIONS

Competently perform the essential functions, skills, and duties outlined; valid driver's license.

Knowledge of:

- Principles and practices of biology or zoology, including animal behavior
- Teaching methods and practices
- Caring for and handling animals

Ability to:

- Teach and motivate guests
- Communicate effectively
- Handle, care for, and condition a variety of animals
- Monitor animal behavior
- Keep records, follow procedures, and maintain scheduling flexibility
- Operate a variety of motorized vehicles and equipment safely
- Deal tactfully and courteously with the public and staff

WORKING ENVIRONMENT

Exposure to tour vehicle fumes, engine heat, engine noise, and vibration; exposure to varying weather conditions and temperatures, exposure to dust, allergens, confined spaces, and elevated positions. Exposure to risks and hazards associated with working with and in relative proximity to animals.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

Move about in animal enclosures; move moderate to heavy objects approximately 25-55 pounds; frequent walking, sitting, and standing for long periods of time; reaching overhead and to the ground; frequent speaking for extended periods of time, voice fatigue.

Job Specifics

1. Hours:

- Safari Lake Geneva's onsite season runs from May 1- October 31, seven days per week
- Regular park hours of operation are 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Offsite programs may be scheduled outside of these hours
- Shifts will be scheduled no less than two weeks in advance
- Weekend and holiday work is required
- Hours and days of work shifts may vary throughout the year
- There is no guarantee of permanent employment outside of the regular season

2. Wage

- Starting wage for this position is \$8.50 per hour

3. Benefits

- Uniform allowance

To apply, send cover letter, resume, and a list of three references to:

Safari Lake Geneva

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