

Summary

Animal Keeper Volunteers complete a variety of tasks to ensure all zoo animals are cared for and habitats are maintained properly. Tasks include routine maintenance and cleaning in and around animal enclosures. This assignment is very labor intensive and most of the work is performed outdoors while standing in the vicinity of dirt, hay, grasses, animal dander and feathers. There is very little animal contact.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Clean animal exhibits.
- Prepare food for animals.
- Wash dishes.
- Move bags of feed or other materials.
- Provide animal enrichment activities.
- Maintain planters and paths.
- May assist with staff animal keepers or educational animal keepers.

Eligibility

- Complete all requirements as an OC Parks Volunteer.
- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Receive recommendation from zoo staff.

Training Path

1. Complete OC Parks Volunteer training program.
 - a. Program Orientation Training
 - b. Background check
 - c. CPR and First Aid Certification
 - d. Complete site-specific training to receive park certification.
 - e. Receive OC Parks Volunteer uniform.
2. Complete OC Zoo Animal Keeper training.

Typical Schedule

- Minimum of one, 4 hour shift per week.
- Animal Keeper Volunteers usually commit to same shift and day each week.
- Daily Shifts
 - 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 - 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.