



Life Support Technician

The Fresno Chaffee Zoo inspires wonder of our natural world, provides an engaging learning environment, and creates a passion for conservation. Serving the central San Joaquin Valley, the zoo is committed to sustaining professional active participation in wildlife conservation, research and wildlife education. As a proud recipient of the AZA Top Honor Exhibit Award, we are committed to providing our local community and the AZA community exhibits and programs we all can be proud of.

November 4th marked an important day for Fresno County as our community voted to continue to financially support the Zoo through the approval of Measure Z. This measure provides us with financial security that allows us to continue to offer an incredible experience for our guests while providing excellent animal care, and a challenging yet fulfilling working environment.

With Fresno Chaffee Zoo opening on our African Adventure and expansion consisting of mixed ungulate and African Elephant exhibits as well as a number of other engaging species, this is an excellent opportunity to become a member of the dynamic team at the Fresno Chaffee Zoo. The Zoo is seeking a full-time, regular, benefited Life Support Technician. We are looking for a candidate that communicates well and is enthusiastic team player. This position will be a part of the team that maintains our new 650,000 gallon African Elephant pools and systems as well as our new White Rhino pool and life support system.

Responsibilities

The Life Support Technician will work closely with the Curator of Life Support in all aspects of the life support equipment, animal care, and interaction with guests. Technician must be personable, responsible, energetic, and knowledgeable about the Zoo's exhibit content. Technician will explain the rules of the exhibit and animal interaction to guests in the exhibit. Communication with all age levels, through good listening skills, friendliness, enthusiasm, positive attitude is a must. Technician will troubleshoot and repair mechanical equipment as needed. General knowledge of water chemistry and husbandry of aquatic animals are needed.

Requirements

Two years of experience in the care of aquatic non-domestic species preferred. Bachelor's degree in chemistry, biology, or related field preferred. Excellent public speaking and presentation skills. Requires a valid California driver's license and good driving record. Good written and verbal communications skills are essential. Must be able to work evenings, weekdays, weekends, and holidays. Ability to work outside in all conditions, lift and carry in excess of 75 lbs. Ability to stand, stoop, squat and walk for long periods of time.

Good physical condition: ability to lift a minimum of 75 lbs. (i.e. Salt Bag) and move a minimum of 100 lbs. (i.e. hay bale). While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to stand; walk and reach with hands and arms. The employee is occasionally required to sit; climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. Vision capabilities required include close, distance and peripheral vision, depth perception and ability to adjust focus. Evaluating animal health, diet, or environment requires hearing and smell. Interaction with guests and animals requires talking and hearing. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is occasionally exposed to wet or humid conditions (non-weather) and outdoor weather conditions. The employee is occasionally in direct contact with exotic animals and is occasionally exposed to work near moving mechanical parts; work in high, precarious places. The noise level in the work environment varies. Occasional loud noises from visitors, animals or equipment are experienced.

If you have the desire and skills needed to help create an all-around dynamic experience at Fresno Chaffee Zoo, apply no later than July 17, 2016 as directed below.

Please submit resume to careers@fresnochaffeezoo.org or mail to:
Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation, 894 W Belmont Ave. Fresno, CA 93728.

Applicants can visit www.fresnochaffeezoo.org to apply online.
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