

Job Posting

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Position	Aquarist II
Facility	Children's Aquarium at Fair Park
Location	Dallas, TX
Job Summary	<p>JOB SUMMARY</p> <p>Senior Aquarist (Aquarist II) is responsible for managing all aspects of their assigned area. This includes husbandry of, and administering medications to fishes, invertebrates, and reptiles as assigned. In addition, duties include water quality analysis, life support system (LSS) maintenance, and general housekeeping. Participation in conservation, breeding, or research programs by Senior Aquarists is encouraged. Other duties and special projects will be undertaken by the aquarist as assigned. The Senior Aquarist should serve as a role model and should exhibit responsibility and leadership qualities.</p>
Essential Functions	<p>SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a diverse and species-appropriate diet to animals in their care. Maintain high standards of cleanliness and seafood safety in food preparation areas. • Each day conduct a thorough walkthrough to ensure functionality of all LSS in assigned section immediately upon arrival and before leaving at the end of the day. • Observe animals daily and report any abnormal behavior/appearances to supervisor immediately. • Maintain adequate animal records by recording every animal move, acquisition, disposition, and every significant behavioral or health observation on daily reports. • Maintain all of the LSS for their assigned section including pumps, UV sterilizers, protein skimmers, sand filters, et cetera. Immediately report any needed repairs to supervisor. • Conduct regular water quality analysis on assigned tanks, record all data collected on appropriate datasheets and electronic records, report any abnormal water chemistry parameters to supervisor immediately. • Mentor newer staff and volunteers and serve as a role model in their professional development. Display responsible behavior and exhibit leadership at all times. • Participate in conservation and research projects as time and resources permit. • General housekeeping in back-of-house areas; all work areas should be clean and organized. • Complete special projects, both major and minor, as assigned by supervisor. • Develop and deliver fun and informative interpretive programs that will build visitor appreciation for our

	<p>aquatic environment and the aquatic animals of the world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <input type="checkbox"/> Deliver interpretive presentations as needed to support the aquarium's educational programs. • <input type="checkbox"/> Provide on-site support of the aquarium adult and youth volunteer programs in partnership with the Dallas Zoo Volunteer Coordinators and Youth Volunteer Coordinators. • <input type="checkbox"/> Other duties as assigned.
Other Duties and Responsibilities	
Knowledge, Skills and Abilities	
Education & Experienced Required	<p>QUALIFICATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <input type="checkbox"/> Must have a bachelor's degree in biology or related science, or equivalent training and experience. • <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of three (3) years of experience working in an aquarium or zoo setting required. • <input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge of aquarium LSS, plumbing, basic carpentry, water chemistry, and water quality analysis. • <input type="checkbox"/> Working knowledge of common diseases of teleost fishes. • <input type="checkbox"/> Must be flexible, able to follow instructions and protocols, and possess a positive attitude. • <input type="checkbox"/> Must have good observation skills and be able to communicate effectively both orally and in writing. • <input type="checkbox"/> Regular, reliable and punctual attendance is an essential function of this position; • <input type="checkbox"/> Must be able to walk, stand, sit, kneel, stoop, crawl, twist, reach above head, pull bend, climb stairs and ladders and carry up to 50 lbs. • <input type="checkbox"/> Must be a self-motivated team player, efficient and solution-oriented: finding creative solutions to complex challenges; • <input type="checkbox"/> Must have basic knowledge of research techniques and practices, with solid observation skills; • <input type="checkbox"/> Must be able to establish and maintain an effective rapport with all levels of management, employees, interns, volunteers, and aquarium guests; • <input type="checkbox"/> Must be able to communicate effectively both orally and in writing, following instructions and documenting animal care activities appropriately; • <input type="checkbox"/> Ability to represent the aquarium in a professional manner at all times; • <input type="checkbox"/> Ability to exercise sound judgment in emergency situations and to respond with appropriate action; • <input type="checkbox"/> Must be able to work holidays and weekends. • <input type="checkbox"/> Must possess a valid Texas driver's license to operate aquarium vehicles and reliable transportation. • <input type="checkbox"/> Successful candidates must complete a pre-employment drug screening, background check and TB test.
Licenses and Certifications Required	
Physical Requirements	
Working Conditions	
Salary	

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