

## **ANIMAL EXPERIENCE SPECIALIST I**

**Part-time 20-30 hrs. per week**

### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Must be able to memorize and present show scripts in a clear and pleasant manner
- Must be able to repeat scripts, encounters, and shows many times a day and keep it fresh and fun for our Guests.
- Must be able to respond to and take direction from the Show Presenter Supervisor and Biologist Staff
- Must have the ability to effectively present information and respond to questions from groups of managers and guests
- Must have the ability to interpret a variety of instructions furnished in written, oral, diagram, or schedule form
- Learn animal handling techniques and demonstrate ability to do so.
- Learn proper interpreting points for each animal used in outreach and demonstrate ability to do so.
- Learn and adhere to HFE Core Values and NAQ Guest Service Accountabilities, Policies and Procedures, and Safety Protocols.

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Must have strong public speaking skills and Theater experience is a plus.
- Working towards some form of degree, preferably in an animal science or educational field.
- Willingness to take direction and coaching from experienced staff members in order to improve your skills and enhance the guest experience
- Must read, write, and speak the English language (knowledge of other languages a plus)
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team in a constantly changing environment as well as individually, with a minimum of supervision.
- **Ability to work a flexible schedule which may include evenings and/or weekends and holidays.**
- Ability to perform in a fast-paced job and remain courteous, friendly and helpful to guests and cast at all times.

### **PHYSICAL AND MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- Successful completion of pre-employment drug screening
- In good health and capable of performing strenuous and/or heavy physical labor
- No history of allergy related to animals or plants, which might interfere with ability to work
- Ability to remain on feet for long periods of time, climb stairs, bend and stoop
- Physical strength, including the ability to lift up to 50 pounds
- Immunocompetence (possible exposure to infections and parasitic disease)

Note: Position may involve exposure to inclement weather, dust, potentially dangerous and unpredictable animal species, and potential dangerous machinery, restraint devices and toxic chemicals and/or drugs. Occasional use of protective clothing or equipment is required e.g. goggles, mask, gloves, and gowns.