



Animal Care Assistant
Irvine Nature Center

Irvine Nature Center, the largest independent nonprofit environmental education center in the greater Baltimore region, seeks an enthusiastic **Animal Care Assistant** to support the Animal Care manager and coordinator with the care of over 40 animal ambassadors. This position allows students or those looking for career-development the opportunity to get first-hand experience caring for and improving the lives of Irvine Nature Center's ambassador animals, as well as help with the upkeep of Irvine's seasonal butterfly waystation. **This position is temporary, for one year.**

Position Responsibilities:

- Complete daily animal care tasks, including feeding animals and cleaning enclosures
- Check exhibits and maintain lighting, heat lamps, and aquarium filters
- Assist staff with live animal handling and occasional medical care
- Engage ambassador animals with novel enrichment activities
- Keep exhibit hall clean and presentable; help with aesthetic improvements when needed
- During spring and summer months, assist with planting and care for the host and nectar plants in the butterfly house
- Help care for the eggs, caterpillars, chrysalides, and butterflies of various native species
- Educate guests who visit the exhibit hall and butterfly waystation

Qualifications:

- A successful candidate will have a background in animal husbandry, with at least two years' experience in animal care
- Willing to get dirty and work outdoors in all weather (snow, heat, cold, rain)
- Comfortable handling reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates, mammals, and birds of prey
- Work well with others and maintain a professional, friendly manner
- Be able to take initiative and work alone frequently
- Strong knowledge of natural history
- Excellent oral and written communication skills; strong interpersonal skills
- Basic computer experience (i.e. Outlook, internet browser, etc.)

Salary: \$15/hour, 25 hours/week for one year

To Apply: Please send cover letter and resume to the attention of Mallory Mlynarek, Irvine Nature Center, 11201 Garrison Forest Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117 or email HR@ExploreNature.org
Please include in your cover letter how this position will benefit your future career goals.

Please note: Employment is contingent upon completing and passing a criminal background check

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