

KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL
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RANGE: 36.0
CLASSIFIED
CODE: 4, 7

ANIMAL KEEPER I
CALIFORNIA LIVING MUSEUM (CALM)

DEFINITION

Under the direct supervision of the Curator of Animals, is responsible the daily husbandry and care of the animal collection, monitoring animal health, keeping accurate records, maintaining the condition of animal enclosures, and interaction with zoo visitors including presenting in wildlife talks.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Prepare and feed regulated dietary food for animals;

clean animal enclosures, including animal waste, feeding trays and water containers;

maintain animal enclosure doors and locks;

create and implement species specific enrichment for various animals;

maintain exhibit plants;

keep work areas clean and free of clutter, and maintain clean and organized exhibits;

observe and evaluate animal condition and behavior responses, and communicate observations verbally or in written reports;

may perform minor repairs and preventative maintenance;

work with volunteers and other CALM employees to engage and communicate with zoo visitors;

maintain daily animal observations using ZIM's;

assist in educational outreach with CALM guests;

perform other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Animal habitats and their relation to maintaining the health and psychological well-being of wildlife within the zoo;

the proper care, handling, and restraining of wild animals;

animal disease and its means of transmission.

animal enrichment procedures;

indigenous to Kern County and California animal species.

Ability to:

Understand and carry out written and oral instructions;

read, speak, and write English;

weigh and measure accurately;

lift 50 pounds on a regular basis and 125 pounds occasionally;

work outside in inclement weather conditions, including dust, heat, rain, and pollen;

see, hear, reach, bend, kneel, run and walk on rough terrain;

handle live animals for the purpose of feeding zoo animals;

maintain calm during emergency situations.

Experience:

One year paid experience working with animals.

Experience working with wild animals preferred.

College coursework in psychology, biology, or zoology may be substituted for animal experience.

Education:

High school graduate.

Conditions of employment:

Passage of a pre-employment medical assessment;

current tetanus shot.

Some positions may require proof of privately owned automobile insurance and possession of a valid California Motor Vehicle operator's license which must be maintained for the duration of the assignment.

Fingerprint clearance by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the California Department of Justice is a condition of appointment after all other required job conditions have been met.

Must present verification of completion of Child Abuse Mandated Reporter training or obtain verification within six (6) weeks of hire and annually thereafter, as required by the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act.

This position has a probationary period of six months or 130 days, whichever is longer.

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