

Seasonal Husbandry Staff for Zoo Farm, Goat Yard and Australia Walk-Through Exhibit

Virginia Zoo currently has openings for seasonal husbandry staff to help in the Zoo Farm, Goat Yard and Australia walk-through exhibit. Seasonal husbandry staff may assist with the following tasks:

- cleaning animal exhibits and visitor pathways in immersive exhibits
- feeding animals
- monitoring of animal behavior and health
- assisting zoo visitors during animal interactions to ensure interactions are safe and positive for both visitors and animals
- general monitoring of interactive animal areas for visitor and animal safety
- interpreting animal exhibits to zoo visitors to help connect guests with the animals and share natural history and conservation messages
- assisting area Zoo Keepers with animal husbandry, enrichment, exhibit maintenance, and other area needs
- assisting with mentorship of junior seasonal husbandry staff and/or volunteers, depending on experience

Experience Required

Candidates should be either be in college, be a recent college graduate, or have equivalent experience working in a zoological setting. Experience working directly with animals and in guest-focused settings is preferred. Candidates should be comfortable working around goats, wallabies, emus, flighted birds, and interactive animals in the Zoo Farm.

Physical Demands

While performing the duties of this position, the employee is frequently required to walk and stand for long periods; reach with hands and arms; stoop, kneel, or crouch; and talk or hear. Work is done outside, in all weather conditions.

Salary

Senior seasonal husbandry staff earn \$9 an hour.

How to Apply

Please send a resume, cover letter and a list of 3 references to: Zookeeperinterns@norfolk.gov; **please indicate that you are applying for a seasonal husbandry position by typing: "Seasonal husbandry position" in the subject line of the email.** Local candidates or candidates already planning to live in the Norfolk, VA area for the summer are encouraged to apply. Candidates able to commit to employment through Labor Day weekend will be considered, with preference given to candidates that can start by Memorial Day weekend or early June. **No phone calls or in-person inquiries to the zoo please.**