

Job Postings

Chelonian Keeper

Facility

Turtle Survival Center (Turtle Survival Alliance)

Closing Date

Sunday, June 19th 2022

DESCRIPTION

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The Turtle Survival Alliance works globally to conserve tortoises and freshwater turtles. With programs and projects in North America, Belize, Colombia, Madagascar, and throughout Asia, the Turtle Survival Alliance (TSA) transforms passion for turtles into effective conservation action with a goal of zero turtle extinctions in the 21st Century.

Position Summary:

The primary purpose of this position is to provide day to day animal husbandry and to implement all policies and procedures associated with the living animal collection at the Turtle Survival Center (TSC) in Cross, South Carolina. This position has the secondary responsibilities of assistance with horticulture, and general facility maintenance of the TSC. This is a full-time position with benefits. This position reports to the Assistant Curator.

Primary responsibilities:

- Provide high standards of animal husbandry to a diverse group of critically endangered chelonians.
- Provide husbandry coverage to non-primary areas of responsibility as required (i.e.; vacations, illness, days off).
- Open/close all areas (Primary and Secondary) at the TSC per policies and procedures.
- Monitor animal health.
- Keep accurate animal records, including using the TRACKS animal management database.
- Maintain cleanliness of animal areas.
- Assistance with the establishment of and the implementation of effective quarantine protocols to reduce the risk of disease transmission within the collection.
- Propagate chelonians, including egg care and incubation.
- Assist with veterinary care procedures as needed.
- Assist with facility maintenance, construction, and renovation.
- Perform strenuous manual labor in hot and humid conditions.
- Maintain landscape standards and practices.
- Supervision of students, interns and volunteers as needed.
- Help to ensure security of the facility by adhering to best practices and security guidelines as they are developed and implemented.
- Good communication skills are essential for this position. Responsibilities include:

- Communicating effectively with co-workers to address problems that may arise in a timely manner.
- Representing the Turtle Survival Alliance at volunteer and outreach events as needed.
- Other Duties as assigned.

EDUCATION AND PRE-REQUISITES

- High school diploma or GED. Bachelor degree preferred.
- At least 2 years of experience working with a diverse assemblage of reptiles and amphibians in captivity at a zoo, conservation center, or similar facility.
- Experience with chelonians is preferred.
- Self-disciplined, highly motivated personality able to work independently as well as part of a team.
- Ability to use hand tools and operate small to moderate machinery (mowers, chainsaws, tractor, etc.) while maintaining a safe environment for themselves and others.
- Currently hold a valid state driver's license with reliable transportation.
- Must be able to work in a hot, humid climate for extended periods of time.
- Must be able to work on your feet for long periods of time and have the ability to lift 50 pounds.
- Must be able to accommodate a varying schedule with flexibility in mind.
- The Turtle Survival Alliance does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, retaliation, parental status, military service, or other non-merit factor. Women and minorities encouraged to apply.

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

This is an hourly position. Compensation will be based on experience. Benefits include optional healthcare, dental, and vision as well as a retirement plan.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply, please send a Curriculum Vitae and a cover letter including salary expectations to cdoak@turtlesurvival.org. Deadline to apply is Sunday, June 19th.