



Currently seeking applicants for the following position:

**Apprentice Trainer
Elephant Encounter**

REPORTS TO: Elephant Supervisor

STATUS: Full-Time Hourly

JOB SUMMARY: Responsible for helping to train Elephants in a free contact program. Have involvement in training programs; care of Elephants, presentations in Elephant show, and other various duties as assigned.

ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:

- Ability to manage elephants in a free contact system.
- Help with elephant training programs, public presentations, and elephant rides.
- Daily care & feeding of elephants in the collection.
- Maintenance of elephant exhibit, and night house.
- Behavioral observations, record keeping, and enrichment training.
- Operation of tools and farm equipment.
- Work in a team environment.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- One year of elephant experience at an AZA accredited facility, or with large hoof-stock.
- Elephant experience, free or protected is preferred.
- Possess excellent communication skills, and pro active motivation.
- Must be able to lift 75+ pounds, and ability to work in all weather conditions.
- Applicants must be able to read, write and clearly speak English.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

- Work is primarily outdoors in all types of weather conditions; lighting is primarily natural; location can be extremely dusty
- Will require close contact with large, wild animals
- Physical demands include walking, standing, climbing, stairs, bending, lifting, carrying, stooping, running and pushing
- Hours and days will vary and will include weekends, holidays and evenings
- Position requires close contact with co-workers in all departments and very close contact with park guests

Application Deadline: Until filled

Date Posted: February 16, 2010

How to Apply: Qualified candidates should submit a resume to the Human Resources Office.

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