



Currently seeking applicants for the following position:

## **Elephant Encounter Supervisor**

**Reports to:** Director of Animal Care

**Status:** Full-Time/Exempt

**Job Summary:** Responsible for the overall quality and safe operation of the Elephant Encounter, its animals and team members.

### **Job Duties:**

- Oversee all animals and team members in the Elephant Encounter area
- Provide exceptional care and husbandry for all animals in the Elephant Encounter
- Interview, hire, train, coach, and schedule team members; conduct annual performance appraisals
- Oversee the training of elephant personnel on proper training methods and presentation techniques
- Maintain records
- Schedule the daily activities of elephants and team members
- Ensure the overall quality of the Elephant Encounter shows including theme and presentation
- Implement and maintain the safety rules and policies regarding the Six Flags Discovery Kingdom and the elephant area
- As needed, plan and carry-out the transport of animals
- Ensure animal and guest safety while performing rides and walks
- Represent Six Flags Discovery Kingdom for media and Public Relations interviews when asked
- Be available for Guest questions concerning elephant care, diet, etc. and other general park information
- Work closely with Vet staff concerning animal care and medical procedures
- Perform elephant shows
- Implement, follow and enforce all federal, state and local regulations concerning animal care
- Enforce the policies and procedures of Six Flags Discovery Kingdom
- Represent the department for government and industry-related meetings and activities
- Other duties as needed

### **Minimum Qualifications:**

- Must have a minimum seven years prior experience in the training of elephants for rides and shows with the ability to train all standard behaviors required; previous experience handling or training other species of exotic animals in other institutions preferred
- Three years previous supervisory experience required in an animal park or zoo setting
- Proficient with animal training techniques and how they are applied
- Willing and able to work outdoors in all types of weather conditions
- Must possess excellent organizational skills
- Must be articulate and able to speak clearly and understand English
- Must have quick reflexes and be able to react quickly to changing animal situations
- Must be in excellent physical condition and possess the mental capacities to perform the essential job duties
- Must be able to lift up to 75 lbs.
- Physical dexterity to hold and maneuver equipment
- Ability to walk and move quickly between different Encounter areas
- Must not be afraid of heights
- Must possess a valid driver's license
- Good corrected/ uncorrected vision and good hearing

**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:* July 8, 2010

*How to Apply:* Qualified candidates should submit a resume to the Human Resources Office. Six Flags Discovery Kingdom offers an excellent salary and benefits package.

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