Natural History Museum of Utah Volunteer Program
Creature Care Position

NHMU Mission:
The Natural History Museum of Utah illuminates the natural world and the place of humans within it. Creature Care volunteers will keep safe and healthy the various creatures housed in the Museum, enabling guests to view each creature and gain a better understanding of Utah’s natural environment.

Position Summary:
Members of the Creature Care Team will be responsible for the care and feeding of the Museum’s wide array of live exhibits including snakes, lizards, frogs, insects and other arthropods and fish. They will collaborate with Museum staff to create and implement a daily schedule of animal husbandry and oversight. Duties include checking on and recording animal health and general condition, enclosure temperature and humidity, and other conditions according to animal care protocols; feeding and watering animals; keeping enclosures clean and glass surfaces clear for visitor viewing; and doing some animal food preparation. This will be a fun and exciting position for those who enjoy working with interesting animals.

Department: Exhibits, Public Programs
Supervisor: Kelan Welch, Animal Care Specialist

Skills/Abilities:
- A passion for caring for live animals, particularly those listed above
- Detail oriented
- Good problem solving skills
- Knowledge and understanding of amphibians, reptiles, insects, stickleback fish, and/or insects and other arthropods preferred.

Training Required:
All volunteers are required to attend a 3.5 hour New Staff and Volunteer Orientation training prior to starting their volunteer position. Creature Care volunteers must also complete Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees (IACUC) trainings before starting. All new Creature Care volunteers will receive on the job training.

Training Schedule:
NHMU Orientation, 3.5 hours RSVP required:
- 1st Friday of the month: 12:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- 3rd Wednesday of the month: 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees training (available online)

Shifts Available:
- Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
**Time Commitment:**
One 1.5 hour shift per week.
A one year commitment is required for all Creature Care volunteers.

**Benefits:**
Volunteers at the Natural History Museum of Utah enjoy benefits that are intellectual, social, and meaningful. Volunteers have the opportunity to expand their knowledge of the natural world through specialized trainings, behind-the-scenes access, and interaction with the Museum’s research staff; they can broaden their social circle by making connections with fellow volunteers, Museum staff, and Museum guests; they contribute to scientific research, and make an impact in increasing scientific literacy and awareness in the local community, and beyond.

In addition, the Museum offers the following benefits:
- Volunteer t-shirt and nametag
- Free admission into the museum
- Two free guest passes for every 25 hours of service
- Museum Membership discount
- Discount at Museum Store and Café
- Use of the volunteer lounge
- Continuing Education programs, including lectures and tours
- Invitation to social and recognition events

**Age Requirement:** 16 years or older
**Background checks** are required for all volunteers 18 years and older.