Creature Care Volunteers NHMU

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 and Public Programs
Supervisor: Kellan Welch

Skills and Abilities (includes responsibilities):
• 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:
• General Museum Orientation is required of all volunteers, CHOOSE ONE:
  o 2nd Monday of the month, 9am-12pm
  o 4th Wednesday of the month, 5pm-8pm
• Creature Care Team members will receive on the job training.
• Volunteers must complete online Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees (IACUC) trainings before starting.

Volunteer Shifts Available:
Monday 8:30am-10:00am

Time Commitment:
One 1½ hour shift per week. A one-year commitment is required for all Creature Care Team members.

Age Requirement: 16 years or older with parental consent
Background checks are required for all volunteers 18 years and older