



# Animal Husbandry Volunteer



Butterfly House & Aquarium is a small not for profit organization in the heart of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The facility showcases a variety of marine life from stingrays and seahorses to corals and jellyfish as well as over 200 species of tropical butterflies, invertebrates, and reptiles. Butterfly House & Aquarium has a variety of exhibits, including interactive exhibits that allow guests to “get up close and personal” as they learn how to protect the marine environment by learning from public presentations about marine life and through our ambassador animal program. We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who would like to gain hands on experience in the aquarium and biology field with a passion for bringing the ocean and the rainforest to the land-locked state of South Dakota!

This volunteer position is designed to give practical experience in the aquarium or biological field for the purpose of developing a solid foundation for a future career in the aquarium or marine research industry and the invertebrate biology field. Volunteers will work side-by-side with the animal husbandry team to learn the details of animal husbandry, how to provide conservation messaging, and become fully immersed in the day-to-day activities of the animal husbandry team.

This is a very hands-on volunteer position where volunteers develop their knowledge by assisting with various elements of caring for the animals. Our husbandry volunteer program allows volunteers to learn and implement different husbandry and maintenance skills as they create vital building blocks for a strong foundation in the field by learning and adhering to industry standards.



## **Essential Responsibilities:**

- ♦ Participate in the daily husbandry of our aquatic or butterfly/ambassador animal collection
- ♦ Assist animal husbandry staff with the maintenance of exhibits, food preparation, animal observations, and record keeping

## **Requirements:**

- ♦ Must be physically fit and able to lift 50 pounds ♦ Must be 18 or older ♦ Must be a team player, be able to follow instructions, have a positive attitude, have strong communication skills, a desire to learn, and understand the purpose behind marine and environmental education in a land-locked location

Our husbandry volunteers are a part of a small and dedicated team.

Please submit an application by email with either *Aquarium Husbandry Volunteer* or *Conservatory Volunteer* as the subject to **Andrea Kopp** ♦ Volunteer Coordinator ♦ [andrea.k@sdaqarium.org](mailto:andrea.k@sdaqarium.org). You may also apply online at <http://www.butterflyhouseaquarium.org> and specify whether you are interested in the aquarium or conservatory. These positions are limited and weekends are likely to fill up before weekdays.

*For more information about our facility, our future expansion, and our animals check out our website at <http://www.butterflyhouseaquarium.org>.*