Animal Care Specialist I/II - Part Time Seasonal May thru September  
Living Exhibits, Inc.

Boomerang Island- Birds From Down Under
Pay Rate: Range $16-$18 based on experience

Job purpose:
Living Exhibits, Inc. designs, builds and maintains interactive animal exhibits for zoos, aquariums and museums across the country. We are hiring animal keepers for an interactive avian exhibit, “BOOMERANG ISLAND- Birds from Down Under” featuring Parakeets, Cockatiels, Superb, Princess of Wales parrots and Kookaburras at the Buffalo Zoo.

The goals of such programs are to increase the value of the guests' experience, further our customers' zoological mission and do so in a fiscally viable manner.

As an Animal Care Specialist, you are responsible, under the direction of your Exhibit Supervisor, for all aspects of exhibit operation including animal care and health, exhibit cleaning and maintenance, interaction with guests and the leadership of host institutions. It is imperative that all duties are performed in a consistent, accurate, informative and entertaining manner. This position should be fun for you and the guests.

Qualifications:
1. Bachelor’s degree (or working towards) in zoology, animal husbandry, a related field or equivalent experience;
2. One year practical experience in the care and interpretation of animals; bird handling and zoo and aquarium animal related experience a plus;
3. Basic knowledge of the animals featured in our exhibits, their care and general conservation issues;
4. Basic understanding of animal enrichment and animal training using positive reinforcement;
5. Must be comfortable speaking to and interacting with guests, the media, and employees and volunteers of the host institutions;
6. Must have ability to prioritize tasks and exercise efficient time management skills
7. Must be able to work individually and/or in a team setting.
8. Basic computer knowledge including E-mail, Word & Excel;
9. Able to work in an outdoor environment that may include excessive temperatures and/or wet conditions.
10. Able to perform physical tasks including occasional lifting of moderate to heavy loads (up to 60 lbs), climbing of ladders, ability to use basic tools and ability to work in elevated conditions.
11. Must possess valid drivers license and have ability to transport an injured animal in the event of an emergency.

Responsibilities:
1. Communicate effectively with all members of the Living Exhibits team, all host institution personnel, volunteers, guests and any others that come into contact as a result of Living Exhibits operations;
2. Perform daily animal husbandry duties including, but not limited to:
   o Cleaning and maintenance of animal exhibits;
   o Preparation of food and feeding of animals;
   o Observation of animals for injuries, disease and behavioral changes;
   o Necessary care and medical treatment of injured or sick animals;
   o Maintain records for feeding, health care, facility maintenance.
3. Keep a clean and orderly work space including proper care and maintenance of department facilities and equipment;
4. Provide educational and interpretive information to all host institution personnel and volunteers as necessary;
5. As an aid to the Exhibit Supervisor, serve as a liaison with host facility personnel to problem solve, promote a productive relationship and ensure good customer satisfaction;

6. Maintain a professional appearance and adhere to Living Exhibits and the host institutions uniform policy.

7. Interact with guests, including discussing the exhibit, the animals, conservation issues and answering questions;

8. Completion of projects and other duties as assigned including travel to other exhibits.

**Send Resumes & Cover Letters to:** admin@livingexhibits.com  

*All employees of Living Exhibits are subject to employment eligibility and background security checks as well testing for illegal substance use as allowed by law.*