



Job Description

Position Title: Chimpanzee Husbandry Technician

FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

Position Reports to: Section Curator

Date: April 15, 2022

Position Overview

Save the Chimps operates the largest chimpanzee sanctuary in the world. Located on nearly 200 acres, the Sanctuary, located on the Treasure Coast of Florida, provides lifetime care and enrichment for chimpanzees rescued from research laboratories, entertainment, and the pet trade.

Save the Chimps was established in 1997 and is home to over 220 chimpanzees. The work of the organization is accomplished by a nonprofit board of directors, more than 75 full-time employed staff, and a number of community volunteers.

The Husbandry Technician (HT) position is responsible for performing moderately skilled labor – intensive tasks in the care and well-being of the chimpanzees. A HT is assigned to one of five sections within the sanctuary, and provides direct assistance to the Care Technicians in their section according to the Philosophy of Care and protocols as outlined in the Save the Chimps Chimpanzee Care Manual.

Essential Job Functions

- Cleaning and maintaining all chimpanzee areas.
- Cleaning and maintaining food and enrichment preparation areas.
- Monitoring the safety of co-workers, chimps, and volunteers, and immediately alerting others to unsafe situations or conditions.
- Participating in Emergency Response codes and protocols
- Participating in team meetings, all-staff meetings, staff training and educational sessions, and emergency response drills.
- Other duties as assigned.

Required Education

- HS Diploma or GED

Required Experience

- None



Physical Requirements

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

- While performing the duties of this job, the employee is occasionally required to stand for long periods of time; walk; sit; use hands to finger, handle, or feel objects, tools or controls; reach with hands and arms; climb stairs; balance; stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl; talk or hear; taste or smell.
- Specific vision abilities required by the job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.
- Must be able to single lift up to 25 lbs. and assist lift up to 50 lbs.
- Able to drive and operate golf cart or other vehicles for use on sanctuary property.
- Must be able to run and swim in the face of danger.
- Must be able to pass a pre-hire drug screen.

Public Health Requirements

- STC follows and adheres to all local, state and federal regulations and CDC recommendations for COVID infection control and other public health mandates.
- STC currently requires all employees to be vaccinated for COVID, Hepatitis A & B, Influenza and Tetanus and to be monitored periodically for TB.
- Employees must be comfortable and compliant with sanctuary protocols which may include: working in proximity to both humans and chimpanzees, and wearing of PPE, among other best practices in public health management.

ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENT

- Tasks are regularly performed with potential for exposure to adverse conditions, such as dirt, dust, pollen, odors, wetness, humidity, rain, temperature and noise extremes, machinery, vibrations, animals/wildlife.
- Employees must not object to unpleasant chimpanzee behaviors including spitting of water or saliva, throwing of feces, food or other waste, and chimpanzee displays that may include banging, kicking of the mesh barrier, and loud screams or hooting.