

Volunteer Husbandry Technician

ASSIGNMENT OVERVIEW

The volunteer husbandry technician assignment is responsible for performing moderately skilled labor-intensive tasks in the care and well-being of the chimpanzees. The volunteer husbandry technician provides direct assistance to the Care Technicians. A volunteer husbandry technician is required to perform tasks according to the Philosophy of Care and Standards of Care documents, and adhere to all volunteer protocols as outlined in the Save the Chimps Volunteer Handbook.

The following is a list of the essential functions of this assignment. This list is intended to be representative of the tasks performed within the assignment description but is not limited to:

- Cleaning indoor and outdoor areas of the chimpanzee buildings
- Filling chimpanzee areas with bedding and substrate
- Washing and hanging laundry
- Cleaning enrichment devices
- Pressure washing
- Immediately alerting others to unsafe situations or conditions
- Following all Emergency Response protocols as outline in the Emergency Response Manual and Volunteer Safety Manual

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by the volunteer to successfully perform the essential functions of this assignment:

- While performing the duties of this assignment, the volunteer is 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, step stools, ladders; balance; stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl; talk and hear; able to push and pull metal doors.
- The volunteer must regularly lift and/or move up to 25 pounds and team lift in excess of 25 pounds.
- Specific vision abilities required by the assignment include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.
- Able to drive and operate golf cart for use on sanctuary property.
- Must be able to run and swim in the face of danger.

PUBLIC HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

- Save the Chimps currently requires all volunteers in this assignment to be vaccinated for Influenza, Hepatitis A & B, Tetanus and to be tested annually for Tuberculosis.

- Volunteers must be comfortable and compliant with sanctuary protocols including 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.
- Volunteers 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.

SCHEDULE

- Shifts are available 7-days per week
- 8:00AM-12:00PM daily
- Must be available for a minimum of five (5) shifts per month (This assignment requires a minimum 20-hour time commitment per month)

If you are interested in the volunteer husbandry assignment, please send an email to the volunteer coordinator, Kathryn Curvino, at volunteer@savethechimps.org. You can also complete our volunteer application by following this link: <https://savethechimps.org/volunteer/>.